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J-Rod had plumbing course booked in case he didn't make it as a pro ...

SAINTS' record signing Jay Rodriguez would have been a plumber if he hadn't made it as a footballer.

The 22-year-old became the club's record signing after completing his £7m move from Burnley last week.

It is hoped that Rodriguez, pictured, will not only blossom into a fine Premier League striker, but also a future England international.

That is all a far cry from what he would have been doing had his dream career not worked out.

As he was coming to the end of the under-16s age group at Turf Moor, Rodriguez had set in motion a contingency plan in case he was dumped by the Clarets.

"I had a plumbing course booked at Burnley College just in case I didn't make it and decided that if the football comes, it's a bonus," Rodriguez has said.

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JAY GREW OUT OF

JAY Rodriguez is now a multi-million pound Premier League star at Saints – but had things gone differently he could have been working as a plumber in Lancashire.

The 22-year-old this week completed his move from Burnley to St Mary's, becoming manager Nigel Adkins' first signing of the summer.

While he has long dreamed of becoming a professional footballer, Rodriguez had made contingency plans while coming through the youth ranks at Turf Moor.

As he approached the end of the under-16s age group, he enrolled on a course to provide him with an option in case the Claretts decided to release him.

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"I had a plumbing course booked at Burnley College just in case I didn't make it and decided that if the football comes, it's a bonus," Rodriguez has said.

But football has always run in his blood.

His grandfather had trials with Real Madrid, while his dad, Kiko, played briefly for another Spanish side, Deportivo La Coruna.

Kiko was subsequently involved at Burnley, before going on to become a prolific non-league goalscorer in Lancashire.

Rodriguez, though, didn't start playing football until he was about seven or eight-years-old.

He initially turned out for a team that his dad ran in Brunlea, before he began to catch the eye at junior club Barrowford Celtic.

His performances there prompted Burnley to take him into their centre of excellence at the age of ten.

Rodriguez began to progress through the ranks with the Claretts and was even given a call-up for an England Under-14s training camp at Lillleshall.

However, there were fears that the teenager wouldn't be big enough to cut it in the professional game.

At the time, he was only about 5ft 8in.

His dad said: "When he went up to the Under 14s and 15s I thought he was going to struggle.

"He always had something about him, but I thought it depends what they are looking for.

"The coaching staff had told me his attitude was 100 per cent and dedication was 100 per cent but he wasn't big enough.

"I said 'I can't stretch him!'

"He was small and skinny.

"But I explained that when I was at school I was one of the smallest and grew as I got older."

Rodriguez did indeed follow in his father's footsteps, and he now stands in excess of six-feet tall.



CLUB RECORD SIGNING: Jay Rodriguez, left, in action for Burnley.

He is officially listed as 6ft 1in, although his aerial ability often makes him seem slightly taller.

Burnley signed him to schoolboy forms in 2005, by which time Rodriguez was beginning to believe he could make it as a pro – and he already had ambitions to model himself on another prolific goalscorer.

He told *The Lancashire Telegraph* at the time: "If I work hard I hope I can make it as a professional.

"My aim is to be like Ruud van Nistelrooy, because he scores a lot of goals and is very strong."

For most young players attached to professional clubs, there can be few less nerve-racking moments than the moment you find out whether you get a contract or not.

"I thought the worst when he came to the end of the Under 16s," his dad, Kiko, has confessed.

"All the boys had time slots to go in and see the coaches to find out whether they had a contract or not.

"He had hardly played for the last couple of months. Maybe it was a test to see how he reacted.

"Me and his mum went down to the club with him.

"We saw other parents – people we knew – walking out and shaking their heads.

"We all felt sick.

"Jay was pale, I was white as a sheet thinking 'is he going to be a plumber?'"

There was no need for worry, though.

Burnley did indeed take him on, and in the summer of 2007 then manager Steve Cotterill promoted Rodriguez out of the youth team and into the senior ranks.

He made his Claretts debut as an 86th minute substitute in a 1-0 defeat to Bristol City, at Turf Moor, on December 29, 2007.

Rodriguez was then sent on loan for the rest of the season to Scottish Division One side Stirling, in order to gain some

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Saints Spotlight

A PLUMBING JOB



James is honoured by Queen

FORMER Portsmouth and England goalkeeper David James has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Ex-England defender Paul Elliott receives a CBE for services to equality and diversity in football - the highest honour so far received by any player from the Premier League era.

Elliott, 48, who started his career at Charlton and also played for Celtic, Chelsea and Italian side Pisa, has campaigned for years for equality in football and worked for the anti-discrimination group Kick It Out.

He was also an ambassador and board member for England's unsuccessful bid for the 2018 World Cup.

Elliott, previously an MBE, said: "I am flabbergasted by this honour, and feel privileged and humbled."

"You do not set out in life to win these honours, I have just tried to make a bit of a difference and I would like to thank organisations such as Kick It Out for all the work they have done. It will be a very proud moment for me when I receive the honour."

World number one golfer Luke Donald has been awarded an MBE.

Tessa Jowell, the former

Olympics minister who was instrumental in London bidding for and winning the right to stage the 2012 Games, is made a Dame, as is Zaha Hadid, the architect of the Olympic aquatics centre.

Rugby union player Shane Williams, Wales' all-time record try scorer, receives an MBE, as does Britain's leading showjumper Nick Skelton.

A CBE goes to Peter Keen, who this year stepped down as performance director of UK Sport after spearheading the funding strategy that saw Britain finish fourth in the medals table at the Beijing Olympics with a similar performance expected in London this summer.

Veteran athletics coach Malcolm Arnold, still working for UK Athletics at the age of 72, is honoured with an OBE for a coaching career that started as far back as the 1968 Olympics.

UK Athletics chairman Ed Warner also receives an OBE - a reflection of his role in leading the successful bid for London to host the 2017 World Athletics Championships.



DAVID JAMES

of that year.

"Missing out on the Premier League with Burnley did my head in," said Rodriguez.

"I didn't want to sit on the sidelines."

"I'd hoped to break into the team that year."

"I'd always backed myself."

"I wanted to test myself and I thought I could do that in the Premier League that season."

"I knew it wouldn't happen straight away."

"Breaking my ankle was a disappointment, but it probably made me stronger in the long-run."

Rodriguez fought back to fitness and spent a month on loan at Barnsley in February 2010, before returning to Turf Moor.

But he did not make a Premier League appearance, instead being forced to watch from the sidelines as Burnley were relegated back to the Championship.

By the time the 2010/11 season began, Rodriguez had become an integral part of the Clarets first-team squad.

England co-incidence

He made 48 appearances during the campaign, netting 15 goals to finish as the club's joint top scorer.

Rodriguez also earned a call-up to Stuart Pearce's England Under-21s squad that season, receiving his one cap as a 60th minute substitute in a 1-0 friendly defeat against Italy, in Empoli.

Coincidentally, he was introduced into the match at exactly the same time as former Saints winger Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who was being handed his debut for the team too.

Rodriguez's ex-Burnley teammate, Jack Cork, who he has now been reunited with at St Mary's, also came off the bench in the same match.

In March 2011, Rodriguez signed a new two-year contract at Turf Moor.

Just a few months later, he was being hotly pursued by Southampton, who twice bid for the player, only to be turned down by Burnley.

Rodriguez upped his production again last term, scoring 21 times for the Clarets, before it became clear that he would leave the club in the summer.

Despite interest from elsewhere, Saints made him their priority.

A £7m fee with Burnley was agreed and, with the club able to offer Premier League football, they persuaded the striker to sign a four-year contract at St Mary's.

"It was frustrating missing out on the Premier League, because it is the best league in the world, but I've got a good chance now," said Rodriguez.

"It was good for me to speak with Southampton, and as soon as I had I knew I had done the right thing."



SAINTS' 2012/13 PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

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experience.

His first appearance for them came in grand surroundings, at Parkhead, as Celtic won a Scottish Cup tie 3-0.

He scored his first goal in a 2-

1 defeat away to Morton, in March 2008, before netting another two goals that season.

That was enough to prompt new

Burnley manager Owen Coyle to hand him a fresh two-year deal on his return to the club in the summer.

Rodriguez began to make in-roads into the Clarets first-team in the 2008/09 campaign, scoring on his first appearance of the season, as he struck late on to earn the Championship side a shock 1-0 Carling Cup win against Premier League Fulham at Turf Moor.

He also famously scored a goal in the dying stages of Burnley's Carling Cup semi-final second leg match against Tottenham.

Spurs led 4-1 after the first leg, but the Clarets roared back at home, winning 3-0 to force the tie into extra-time.

Rodriguez netted the third, although the night ultimately ended in disappointment as Tottenham scored twice

in extra-time to advance to Wembley.

His season would finish in glory at the national stadium, though, as he came off the bench for the final 17 minutes of Burnley's Championship play-off final win against Sheffield United.

Rodriguez penned a two-year contract extension in August 2009, but his hopes of playing top-flight football were cruelly dashed when he suffered a broken ankle in a reserve game

against Hull in September



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Premier League ins & outs

IT'S been a quiet start to the summer Premier League transfer window.

Saints' club record signing of Jay Rodriguez is one of just a handful of high profile signings since the end of 2011/12.

Here are the major deals completed so far.

ARSENAL

In: Damian Martinez (Oxford United, Loan), Jeffrey Monakana (Preston, Free)

ASTON VILLA

In:
Out:

CHELSEA

In: Eden Hazard (Lille, Undisclosed)
Out:

EVERTON

In:
Out: Adam Forshaw (Brentford, free)

FULHAM

In:
Out:

LIVERPOOL

In:
Out: David Amoo (Preston, Free) Dirk Kuyt (Fenerbache, Undisclosed)

MANCHESTER CITY

In:
Out:

MANCHESTER UNITED

In: Nick Powell (Crewe, £4m), Shinji Kagawa (Borussia Dortmund, undisclosed)
Out: Richie De Laet (Leicester City, Undisclosed), Matthew James (Leicester City, Undisclosed)

NEWCASTLE

In: Roman Amalfitano (Stade De Reims, Free)
Out:

NORWICH

In:
Out:

QPR

In:
Out:

READING

In: Gareth McAleary (Nottingham Forest, Free)
Out:

SOUTHAMPTON

In: Jay Rodriguez (Burnley, Undisclosed)
Out: Harlee Dean (Brentford, Free) Lee Holmes (Preston, Free)

STOKE

In:
Out: Andrew Davies (Bradford, Free)

SUNDERLAND

In:
Out: Trevor Carson (Bury, Free)

SWANSEA

In:
Out:

TOTTENHAM

In: Niko Kranjcar (Dynamo Kiev, Undisclosed)
Out:

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

In:
Out: Joe Mattock (Sheffield Wednesday, free)

WEST HAM UNITED

In: Stephen Henderson (Portsmouth, Free), Jussi Jaaskelainen (Bolton Wanderers, free)
Out:

WIGAN

In:
Out: Chris Kirkland (Sheffield Wednesday, Free)

THE Euros are now well and truly with us, and for once England's campaign seems to be starting with a whimper rather than a bang.

When was the last time you had such little expectation in a national squad than you probably have now?

Quite refreshing, isn't it?

The discarding of Rio Ferdinand seems to be the number one topic of conversation amongst England fans.

It pretty much sums up the ridiculous nature of modern football when a footballer feels he can moan in public at not being selected to play for his country, something that was still a privilege rather than a right last time I checked.

Ferdinand's whining presents the very worst traits in a modern Twittering professional footballer.

Would Ferdinand post on Twitter if his club manager had left him out of a squad?

The inference from everyone is that it's Terry's fractured relationship with his brother Anton that has led to Ferdinand being dropped.

If that's the case, why doesn't Ferdinand just say it?

Why skirt around the issue?

The harsh truth is that an intensive tournament such as the Euros is physically beyond Ferdinand these days.

England just can't afford pedestrians and that's pretty much what he is these days.

If the spectre of racism is looming over the squad selection then it's blatantly out there when it comes to the crowds in Poland and the Ukraine.

Various television documentaries have shown the most horrific scenes of racial abuse on the terraces of the countries given the honour of one of football's most prestigious tournaments.

The BBC's breakfast time showed an almost laughable set of interviews in the Ukraine where they'd interviewed various locals and some selective racial groups and told us all how jolly it was over there and how the ten locals they'd interviewed had seen no racism anywhere, ever.

Just days later, monkey sounds were being made at Dutch training sessions and the whole issues flared up again, only worse.

So Euro 2012 has people staying away in fear of racism and violence and the forthcoming 2022 World Cup will have people staying away as homosexuality is illegal in Qatar.

The selection of Qatar as hosts attracted controversy.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter initially joked 'I would say they should refrain from any sexual activities'.

He later stated that 'we (FIFA) don't want any discrimination', which no doubt re-assured all of the world's gay football fans.

It does lead you question the sport's governing body and how two of the world's most prestigious tournaments are being played out in areas where black



It's hard not to chuckle ...

ON the subject of Harry Redknapp, it's hard not to chuckle to yourself as the man who would be king is released from Tottenham.

After being found not guilty of tax evasion, the world was seemingly Redknapp's oyster, flying high in the league and the England job seemingly made for him. Surely things were all going his way?

His fall from grace is as unexpected as it is spectacular.

Who'd have thought it? Answer... Saints fans. The way Tottenham's season self-imploded was of no surprise to any of us.

There's no doubting Redknapp is a good manager, but the problem is he's a good manager when he wants to be.

His time at Southampton was a disaster, his team selections erratic, his tactics debatable and his dedication to the club and its fans questionable at least.

I lost count of the amount of times Redknapp virtually talked Saints into relegation in his post match interviews.

I'd be a liar if I didn't find some Schadenfreude in Redknapp's fall from grace. To have the one thing you desire most in the world, seemingly in your grasp, only to have it ripped from you and then lose your job, is really quite amusing.

Finding yourself going from potential England manager to being unemployed, all within the space of a few months.

Go on, say it to yourself without smiling. Hard, isn't it?

thrown up some excellent games and, as of yet, no goalless draws.

England's progression is always under massive scrutiny.

Surely under unfancied Roy Hodgson, England are heading home?

As expected, Hodgson is pretty much being made to look like a dithering old fool as the post Redknapp tabloid disappointment kicks into overdrive.

The fact that England actually played quite well to stifle and contain an in form France side is lost on the national press as England obviously expects its national side to sweep aside all opposition and then implode spectacularly in the quarter/semi finals.

What would they say if England mundanely plodded along to the final and won it?

They would no doubt tell us we'd have done it with more style had Redknapp been manager...

and gay football fans would feel unwanted.

Welcome to the world of FIFA,

for the good of the game or the good of their bank balance?

The tournament itself has

Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

THE odd couple have finally parted ways.

Harry Redknapp and Spurs chairman Daniel Levy have agreed to call it a day.

I had just finished my early morning sports show here in South Africa when it was announced that Redknapp had been sacked.

It wasn't April Fools Day, so I gathered the announcement must have been correct.

My first thought was 'what on earth are Tottenham Hotspur doing?'

Why part ways with a manager who in just four years had taken them from the pits of the Premier League into the top four?

In October 2008, he took over an ailing Spurs team and guided them to a comfortable eighth place.

Such was their improvement under Redknapp that they also reached the League Cup final that season, only to be beaten by Manchester United on penalties.

The following year, he led them to the Champions League for the first time.

In reaching the last eight of that competition, Spurs produced some wonderful moments, perhaps some of the best I have seen in a long while by an English club in Europe.

Expectations from there on may have been a little unrealistic.

This past season, Spurs were playing an exciting brand of football.

They were lying third in the Premier League and their flamboyant manager had emerged from the law courts in February cleared of tax evasion.

The 65-year-old must have thought that all the pieces were beginning to fall into place.

The resignation of England manager Fabio Capello had everyone clamouring for Redknapp to succeed the Italian.

According to the frenzied media, the people's choice was an absolute certainty to be asked to lead England.

Unfortunately, nothing is certain in life.

Roy Hodgson was appointed England manager, and Spurs, with what looked like an unassailable lead in third place, suffered a decline in form that eventually saw them finish fourth.

To add salt to the wound, we saw Chelsea firstly beat Barcelona – the firm favourites for the Champions League – in the competition's semi-final, before overcoming Bayern Munich on penalties in the final, relegating Spurs to the innocuous Europa League.

Whispers of discontent have simmered over the last few weeks, as the chairman and manager disagreed on the



ODD COUPLE ARE NO MORE: Harry Redknapp with his former Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy.

ODD COUPLE ARE NO MORE!

extension of Redknapp's contract, which had a year left to run.

Perhaps Daniel Levy digging in his heels was Spurs' way of telling Redknapp that the time had come to move on.

For his part, Redknapp will point to his work ethic over those four years and ask 'Could anyone have done bet-

ter?'

It is a sentiment that I endorse.

If good old Harry is to be lost to the Premier League, the English game will be poorer by his absence.

Ironically, as Redknapp is now unemployed, it did cross my mind that perhaps Chelsea would be interested.

But, much to my delight, the Stamford Bridge club have confirmed the appointment of interim manager Roberto Di Matteo as their permanent choice on a two-year contract. Andre Villas-Boas' dismissal in March had catapulted Di Matteo into the hot seat.

He grabbed his chance with both hands.

I was pleased to see Clarke take over at Hawthorns

ROBERTO Di Matteo's appointment is just one of many that has seen more movement by managers than players this summer.

Another decision I was particularly pleased with was Steve Clarke's move from Liverpool to West Brom to fill the vacant gap left by Hodgson's departure.

The 48-year-old will manage at the Hawthorns and is in his first role as head coach in his own right, having previously held assistant jobs at Newcastle, Chelsea, West Ham and Liverpool.

He has worked under a bevy of first-class managers, including Ruud Gullit, Jose Mourinho and Gianfranco Zola.

Renowned for his coaching ability, he served Chelsea for 11 years as a player, featuring in over 400 games.

I just hope his first step into management goes well and that he can match West Brom's tenth-placed finish from last season.

Another of my favourite managers, the quietly-spoken Chris Hughton, has been given the Norwich job.

I must confess I was disappointed when he was let go by Newcastle, as his record at St James' Park was pretty good.

Out of 70 games in charge, he won 39, drew 17 and lost 14.

He joined Birmingham after Alex McLeish left to take over Aston Villa, and he led the Blues to the

Championship play-off semi-finals last season, losing to Blackpool.

Hughton follows former Norwich boss Paul Lambert at Carrow Road.

Lambert has secured the Aston Villa position and leaves behind a legacy of success that will be hard to follow.

Successive promotions at Carrow Road have seen the Canaries establish themselves in the Premier League.

Hughton now needs to take Norwich forward, and he brings with him virtually the whole back-room staff from Birmingham.

His first job will be to persuade Grant Holt, Norwich's top scorer, to withdraw his transfer request. Holt was the second top English goalscorer last season, behind Wayne Rooney, and the 31-year-old may well follow his former manager to Villa Park if he is allowed to leave.

The Swansea vacancy is still to be filled. Could Redknapp be a late contender?

Reports suggest the Swans hope to name former Real Madrid, Barcelona and Denmark playmaker Michael Laudrup as Brendan Rodgers' successor.

Apparently, Huw Jenkins, the chairman, is holding talks with the former Spartak Moscow and Real Mallorca boss.

If Jenkins is looking to continue the playing philosophy that has been established at Swansea there would be none better than Redknapp, whose teams always have a good passing ability.

Laudrup, 43, has spoken before about managing in the Premier League and he too endorses a passing game. His age could be the deciding factor, bearing in mind Jenkins' passion for appointing and developing young managers.

Swansea have previously seen the departures of Roberto Martinez, to Wigan, Paulo Sousa, to Leicester, and their latest manager, Rodgers, to Liverpool. The total compensation for those three amounted to about £10m.



HUGHTON

Non-league Football

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Home help for Tadley

THE future of Sydenhams Wessex One club Tadley Calleva is looking far brighter following the opening of their own clubhouse.

Around 18 months ago, it became obvious to the Tadley committee that the club should look seriously into building their own clubhouse at Barlows Park in order to survive.

But it wasn't until a few months later that they were pointed in the direction of Bishopswood Golf Club who were in the process of selling off their temporary clubhouse structure.

After working out funding, any potential planning objections and licence requirements, the club negotiated a price and Tadley's new clubhouse was born.

Speaking at the official opening, Tadley chairman Sandy Russell said: "There are so many people we would like to thank for making all this possible and for their contributions - some big, some small but valued nonetheless."

"This is certainly a great addition to our community."

Tuttle in charge

DAVE Tuttle will be the man in charge for Hartley Wintney's return to the Combined Counties League Premier Division.

Tuttle - a former Spurs, Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, Barnsley and Millwall defender - takes over from ex-Eastleigh and Basingstoke striker

Neville Roach who has switched camps to Southern One South & West outfit Thatcham. Reading-

born Tuttle arrives at the north-east Hampshire club from Henley Town, who were relegated from the Hellenic Premier Division due to lack of facilities.

TIME IS RIGHT FOR JORDAN TO BUY A WATCH!

IAN Baird's advice to Jordace Holder-Spooner's new club Basingstoke Town would be to invest in a watch as part of his signing-on deal.

Because while the Eastleigh manager is a big admirer of the ex-Saints youngster's ability, he is no fan of his time-keeping.

"In one way I'm disappointed to lose Jordace because the lad's got tremendous ability," said Baird.

"But in another way I'm not. He was supposed to be on the bench for the Hampshire Senior Cup final but he arrived 20 minutes late so he wasn't involved."

"Jordace didn't seem to have a watch."

"Hopefully Basingstoke will get him one so that he turns up on time for training and games!"

Having been with Saints since the age of 14, Holder-Spooner was released from St Mary's last summer and went for trials with AFC Bournemouth.

He first appeared on the Eastleigh

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scene as a surprise inclusion in the side that tore a Saints XI apart 4-1 in last August's pre-season friendly at the Silverlake Stadium.

Baird quickly signed him and the winger repaid his faith with a vibrant start to the Blue Square Bet South season.

He netted his first league goal in a Spitfires shirt at Dorchester, where his equaliser sparked a 3-1 victory.

He then spectacularly made it two in a row, scoring in a 2-1 home success over Weston-super-Mare with an unstoppable drive from the edge of the area.

But while it was acknowledged by many behind the scenes that Holder-Spooner was potentially the most gifted of all the youngsters on Eastleigh's books, he struggled to hold down a regular place.

The pacy, powerful wide-man started just 12 games for the Spitfires, scoring three goals, and his cause wasn't helped when he picked up a nasty ankle injury against Romsey in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup which sidelined him for nine weeks.

"The lad's got tremendous ability without a doubt," said

Baird, confirming the news that Holder-Spooner had opted to join last season's BSS play-off semi-finalists Basingstoke.

"But to be a decent footballer, you need to be 100 per cent focused."

"Being out injured for that length of time didn't help Jordace and his girlfriend having a baby meant he lost his focus a bit, which is not unusual."

"He was always turning up late too, so in one way I'm disappointed to lose him and in another way I'm not."

"He needs to reassess and realise he's got to put in 100 per cent effort if he's going to make it as a pro or at a high level of non-League."

But Baird added: "He needs to give his footballing career every opportunity and I truly wish the lad every luck."

Holder-Spooner will be well known to Basingstoke's assistant manager Kevin Braybrook, who was part of the Eastleigh set-up last season.

Town boss Jason Bristow said: "Jordace is a very talented and exciting young player."

"He is very lively, quick and strong and someone we will be looking to get the ball to in the final third of the pitch."

"He has a lot of potential and hopefully we can take him to the next level. He is really going to help our squad."

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MIDFIELD DYNAMO: Carl Pettefer, left, in action for AFC Totton in their Southern Premier League play-off final loss at Oxford City.

STAGS TIE DOWN PETTEFER



ONE look at the AFC Totton fans' forum tells you all you need to know about the importance of keeping skipper Carl Pettefer on board.

News that the 31-year-old midfielder has signed a two-year contract extension for the beaten Evo-Stik Premier Division play-off finalists comes as music to the ears of Stags supporters desperate to keep their 2011/12 player-of-the-season at the Testwood Stadium.

As one delighted forum poster put it: "Every ship needs its engine and he is that – his workrate is unsurpassed."

For new Totton boss Steve Riley, getting Pettefer signed up is a major boost to his hopes of continuing the good work of his predecessor Stuart Ritchie in establishing Totton as a major Southern Premier force.

Riley, right, said: "Every time I watched Totton last season, Carl impressed me."

"What you see is what you get with him. He's an industrious midfielder who passes the ball well."

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"When the chips are down and you need to pass the ball, he's the one who gets things started."

"Carl's not the biggest, but his heart's big and he brings the best out of the players around him."

"They thrive off him."

"You can tell when you speak to people around the club the high regard Carl is held in. I always felt it was really important for him to commit to Totton."

"He liked what I said when we had talks and I'm

pleased that we staved off the challenge of other clubs."

Ritchie's new charges Havant & Waterlooville are believed to have been among those vying for the signature of the former Portsmouth, Southend and Oxford United midfielder who joined Totton from Bognor Regis Town in 2008.

Pettefer captained the Stags to the 2009/10 Southern South & West title and last season led them to the FA Cup second round for the first time in their history and to the Southern Premier play-off final.

Striker Nathaniel Sherborne, another highly popular member of the Totton squad, has also signed a new two-year deal.

During five seasons as a Stag, Sherborne – signed from Alton Town in August 2007 – has made 226 appearances, scoring 126 goals.

"I've rated him over the years," said Riley. "He's a fit, athletic striker, he's very busy and he

knows where the goal is."

"He's scored some important goals for Totton over the years, but he had a bit of a stop-start season last year when a few changes were made bringing strikers in."

"Sometimes as a striker you need continuity."

"Nathaniel wanted to play a lot more than he did but, for whatever reason, it was a bit stop-start."

"We've signed Richard Gillespie (from Eastleigh) and the prospect of those two playing up front together is quite exciting."

"We've got Stefan Brown as well and you need three strikers."

"Dave Allen (signed from Bashley) is also a good targetman as well as a midfielder and we've got one or two youngsters in the fold like Jack Odam who will be with us next season."

● Totton have added two extra friendlies to their pre-season campaign. On Tuesday, July 10 (7.45) they will travel to Wessex outfit Blackfield & Langley. The following Saturday (July 14) former Navy man Riley has arranged two matches at US Portsmouth, kicking off at 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

Non-league News

Manager search

SYDENHAMS Premier club Horndean require a new reserve team manager.

The Five Heads Park club finished sixth in the inaugural Wyvern Combination League Division One East last season.

The new manager will be responsible for bringing through youth players, a handful of whom have already had a taste of first-team football.

The successful applicant will also get the nod to bring new players to the club and build his own squad within reason.

Most home games are played on a Saturday afternoon but there will be occasional mid-week games home and away. Ring Joe Albertella on 07956 547459 or email a CV to joealbertella@hotmail.com.

Hockaday hits back

FORMER Saints coach Dave Hockaday feels its unfair to brand his Forest Green Rovers side the "big spenders" of the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Four new forwards have arrived at the New Lawn, including former Basingstoke, Peterborough and Crawley marksman Ben Wright.

But Hockaday, right, says his squad has actually diminished since the final game of 2011/12.

Eight players have been released and goalkeeper James Bittner, who spent the latter half of last season on loan to AFC Totton, has been made available on a free transfer.

"We're actually reducing the size of the squad," said Hockaday. "We're paying reasonable money, but not top money like some of the clubs whose names I won't mention."



Match help

AFC TOTTON are looking to add some additional stewards to their matchday staff – and would particularly like to get some females involved.

The club are endeavouring to set up a meeting prior to pre-season for new stewards to look around the stadium and meet the existing stewarding team. Anyone interested in taking up this voluntary position should ring 07757 602931.

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Ex-Saint moves on

FORMER Saint Jake Thomson has joined Blue Square Bet Premier outfit Newport County.

The 23-year-old Portsmouth-born midfielder made 14 league appearances for Saints between 2008 and 2010 and had loan spells with AFC Bournemouth and Torquay.

Following his release from St Mary's he joined Exeter City, who loaned him out to Cheltenham and Kettering. He spent the bulk of last season with Newport's divisional rivals Forest Green.

Newport boss Justin Edinburgh said: "Jake caught my eye and impressed me during our games against Forest Green. I am delighted we have been able to agree terms for the coming season with an option for a second season."

Also joining Newport is nomadic 33-year-old striker Jefferson Louis whose lengthy list of clubs includes Eastleigh, Havant & Waterlooville and Weymouth.

Roo the man

TERRY Rooney has been appointed manager of Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League side AFC Aldermaston and will be assisted by last season's boss Matt Desay.

The club now require an experienced coach/manager who is up to the challenge of running the reserves in the PEHPL Combination. Contact Desay on 07901 821045.

City trial

SALISBURY City are holding an open trial for their new reserve team on Tuesday, July 3 (6-8pm). Those hoping to play for the under-18s are also encouraged to attend.

Ring Michael Cooper on 01722 776655 or email him at michael.cooper@salisburycity-fc.co.uk.

Pratt's off

FORMER Basingstoke Town striker David Pratt has joined Blue Square Bet South rivals Maidenhead United.

The former Chippenham Town frontman spent three years at the Camrose Ground but found his opportunities limited last season by the excellent form of Delano Sam-Yorke and Tim Sills.

GE Hamble quick to act after Webb exit

Adelsbury takes a City break

BEN Adelsbury has turned down the offer of a new contract with Salisbury City, becoming the third key player to leave the Whites this summer.

The 21-year-old former Plymouth Argyle and Swansea City midfielder, below, has been a City regular since February 2010, but feels the time is right to go.

It comes as another blow to Salisbury, who have already lost striker Marvin Williams to Eastleigh and defender Danny Webb to Dover Athletic.

Adelsbury – described as "a model pro" by team boss Darrell Clarke, explained: "I enjoyed my time at Salisbury but have decided to focus on my education and want to be a bit closer to home."

Despite Salisbury's double demotion to the Southern Premier Division at the end of Adelsbury's first season, he stayed on and helped them secure promotion to the Conference South at the first time of asking.

It was his 118th-minute strike that sent a dramatic play-off final against Hednesford Town to penalties and he also netted in Whites' subsequent shoot-out win.

Sending Adelsbury his best wishes, Whites chairman William Harrison-Allan said: "Ben stayed with me at my farm for a year while he was a Salisbury player. He always conducted himself well and it was a pleasure to meet his family and get to know him."

"He will always hold a special place in Salisbury's history after his wonder goal at Hednesford."

"He has been a great servant and we wish him good luck with his education."

On the plus side for Salisbury they have signed hotshot Jamie White from Winchester City, while midfielder Matt Clark has agreed a new contract.

Ex-Swindon youngster Clark joined the club in January this year, making 11 appearances.

"Matt is a born winner," said assistant boss Mike Harris. "He will be a valuable asset having shown great potential in the period he was with us last season."

"It's great to have him on board."

The same goes for 22-year-old ex-Saints man White, who scored a phenomenal 54 Wessex goals for Sydenhams Premier champions Winchester last season.

Clarke said: "It's a potentially huge signing for us as Jamie is a natural goal scorer."

"I really think he can do the business at this level."

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GE HAMBLE have made instant amends for the imminent departure of outstanding young goalkeeper Jon Webb.

Webb, 21, is destined to join promoted Wessex champions Winchester after catching the eye of manager Guy Butters and owner Paul McCarthy during City's 2-0 win over the Planemakers in April.

Moving the opposite way to Follands Park is Ryan Gosney, younger brother of AFC Totton winger Mike, who shared the keeping duties with Rory Anderson at City last term. Stressing that it was not a swop deal, Hamble's new boss Dave Lewis explained: "Ryan coming materialised individually."

"We were made aware that he was interested in joining us and he has already signed. It means the blow of losing Jon Webb is softened by us getting a player who won the Wessex League last season."

"Ryan's attitude is first class. He's a good local lad who has always played at a decent level and he fits the criteria we are looking for."

"We asked a few people about him and there was not one person who didn't speak well of him. We've got an extremely strong dressing room where everyone gets on and Ryan will fit in perfectly."

"It's important from our point of view that we don't just target good players, but big characters and nice people too."

Eastleigh academy product Webb – on Saints' books from the age of eight to 16 – initially joined Hamble on a dual registration before becoming a fully-fledged Planemaker.

He came of age as a 19-year-old with a breathtaking performance in the FA Cup third qualifying round at Conference South outfit Farnborough in October 2010.

Hamble lost the tie 2-0 to a Bradley Bubb double, but the scale of defeat would have been far greater had man-of-the-match Webb not kept Boro's pacy forwards at bay with an amazing show of defiance.

Hamble's management predicted at the time that Webb had a big future and knew that one day he would be moving on.

But what disappoints Lewis is that, having verbally assured the boss he was staying, he then texted him to say he had had a good offer of Southern League football and that he would be leaving.

"Jon's been at the club for three years and the very least you'd expect is a call rather than a text," said Lewis. "We've always believed in Jon and we always knew he was going to play higher, but the way it's been done leaves a bitter taste."

"Winchester have been up front and honest all the way through and have handled themselves impeccably."

"But I've been picking Jon up and dropping him off at his house for three years so, on a human level, I'm disappointed."

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ATTITUDE: Ryan Gosney has left Winchester City to join GE Hamble.



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Davis leaves for BSB rivals

TOM Davis – the player at the centre of the 'illegal payments' allegations surrounding Havant & Waterlooville – has joined the Hawks' Blue Square Bet South rivals Tonbridge Angels. Havant were this week waiting to hear if they would be subject to a full FA investigation after vice-chairman Jim Fallon was accused by Davis of offering the then Carshalton Athletic player an 'under the table' payment to join the club.

The FA began preliminary enquiries last week but had yet to interview the player prior to The Pink going to press.

Fallon, previously AFC Totton's main sponsor, denies any wrongdoing.

Distancing the club from Davis's allegations, he said any deal done would have been a private sponsorship agreement between his Landford-based company Beaumont Water Heaters and the player.

The Hawks have endured a turbulent close season with the Davis saga quickly followed by the club suspending assistant manager Sean New.

The club allege that New, who spent eight highly successful years as right-hand man to the Hawks' new boss Stuart Ritchie at AFC Totton, failed to disclose details of his past when he applied for the assistant manager's job.

Two days after Ritchie and New were appointed at Westleigh Park, the *Daily Echo* reported that Southampton-based New had narrowly escaped a jail term after being found guilty of theft from a former employer.

He was given a three-month prison sentence – suspended for 12 months – and ordered to complete 150 hours of unpaid community work as part of his punishment.

Hawks secretary Trevor Brock said the move to suspend New, pictured right, was in the best interests of the club.

He stated: "The club appointed New in good faith.

"But afterwards certain matters came to light that we have to take very seriously. Because of this it is best that New is suspended forthwith.

"The club were aware of his recent court appearance and conviction for theft, but it transpires that he kept certain disclosures in his past from us.

"We feel as his employer that these matters are material to his employment.

"The club believes these matters would have an adverse and detrimental effect on our reputation, the supporters and the general public.

"Over the years we have built up an exemplary reputation within the non-League game and we regard that as important. We are not prepared to put that at risk."

Havant said Ritchie would temporarily manage the side alone, but they were expected to move quickly to replace New.

Ritchie and New were a successful and popular double act at Totton.

They led the Stags to the FA Vase final at Wembley in 2007, the Wessex League and Southern One South & West titles, two Hampshire FA Senior Cup wins, the Southern Premier play-off final and a first ever appearance in the FA Cup second round proper.

Last October the Stags honoured the duo with engraved plaques to mark 400 games in charge of the club.

Ritchie said at the time: "Sean makes a great second in command because he's a strong character and he grafts all the time.

"We work well together and I wouldn't want anyone else. Sean takes a lot of pressure off me with all the running around he does.

"People don't give him enough credit for all the work he does."



MICKY HUBBARD

Micky will be creative Hubb

WIMBORNE Town boss Steve Cuss is tipping creative midfielder Micky Hubbard to play a key role for the Evo-Stik South & West club next season.

Speaking after the former Cherries trainee had agreed terms to stay with the Magpies for 2012/13, Cuss said: "Micky played a vital role in our improvement

in form towards the end of last season.

"I'm delighted he is staying and expect him to play a very important role in the squad during the new campaign."

An influential part of Poole Town's Sydenhams Wessex championship treble, Hubbard joined Wimborne in February and boosted the

Magpies' battle against relegation.

Meanwhile, AFC Bournemouth are returning to Cuthbury for a pre-season friendly on Wednesday, August 8. It follows on from last year's Cherries visit for the testimonial of Wimborne fans' favourite Paul Roast.

Cuss, who included several AFC Bournemouth

loanees in his squad last term, said: "Games against local professional sides are always very attractive.

"Everyone at the club – players and fans alike – will be looking forward to Bournemouth's visit."

Wimborne's pre-season programme also includes a home contest against Steve Riley's AFC Totton on Saturday, August 4.



Nathan gets his wish ...

TOWERING midfielder Nathan Campbell has got his wish of Blue Square Bet South football after all.

The 23-year-old was part of the AFC Totton squad that narrowly missed out on promotion from the Evo-Stik Premier Division last term.

But Campbell, a former Chipstead player who joined Totton during the 2009/10 campaign while he was studying at Southampton Solent University, has got his chance of higher-grade football with Basingstoke Town.

The leggy midfielder/defender, who stands at 6ft 3in, has signed a one-year deal for the north Hampshire club who last season reached the Conference South play-offs.

He enjoyed outstanding success with Totton, helping them to promotion from the Southern One South & West and being part of the side that last season reached the FA Cup second round proper for the first time in club history.

Basingstoke boss Jason Bristow said: "Nathan is a very strong, powerful midfielder who will get stuck in.

"He is in the same mould as

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Stuart Lake, but a younger version.

"I have seen him play a few times.

"He is strong in the tackle and should do well in our physical league."

Basingstoke are believed to have beaten off competition from Hampshire rivals Havant & Waterlooville for Campbell's signature.

And, according to the player himself, Town's assistant manager Kevin Braybrook – a former AFC Totton coach – played a big part in swaying his decision to move to the Camrose.

"It's a good move, a good club and good management," said Campbell. "I've worked under Kevin Braybrook before and he's a quality coach and that's what made my decision to join the club."

Campbell will return to his old Testwood Stadium stamping ground on Friday, July 27 when Totton host Basingstoke in a pre-season friendly (7.45pm).

Bristow's men will travel to Sydenhams Wessex champions Winchester City on Tuesday, July 24 (7.45pm).

Non-league News

No risks

WEYMOUTH boss Brendon King was not to be prepared to put the Terras' future at risk by doing battle with AFC Totton for the signature of midfielder Dave Allen.

Weymouth offered a contract to the former Winchester City and Bashley skipper, below, but were beaten to the midfielder's signature by their Evo-Stik Southern Premier rivals Totton who are now managed by ex-Bash boss Steve Riley.

King claimed: "I understand Totton offered more money than us, but we have to stick to our wage structure and there is no way we are going to risk overstretching ourselves.

"We have to ensure all signings are committed to the cause and we cannot overspend. "We offered Dave Allen a very good deal as far as we are concerned.

"The fact Steve Riley has just taken over at Totton was probably the telling factor in the end, along with the player currently being based in Bournemouth. But we did all we could."

"We have to ensure all signings are committed to the cause and we cannot overspend.

"We offered Dave Allen a very good deal as far as we are concerned.

Brad move

FORMER Eastleigh defender Bradley Thomas has joined AFC Sudbury – the team beaten by Winchester City in the 2004 FA Vase final.

Sudbury, now a Ryman League Division One North outfit, have signed the 28-year-old, 6ft 2in centre-back from Grays Athletic.

Having begun his career under Barry Fry at Peterborough United, Thomas made 14 appearances for Eastleigh in 2005/06 before returning to the Football League with Yeovil.

He has since done the non-League rounds, including stops with Crawley, Kings Lynn and Sutton United.

Sudbury manager Chris Tracey, who captained the team against Winchester, said: "Bradley is vastly experienced and is the tough, no-nonsense defender I want.

"He is a winner and will be good with his influence on the players around him."

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Puma line-up unchanged

THE Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League will run with the same 18 Senior Division clubs next term.

Applications were received from two eligible clubs wishing to join the ranks, but neither met the required ground grading standard.

The Combination Division has expanded from 15 to 17 sides with Bournemouth Sports Reserves and Hedge End Rangers Reserves joining the fold from local football.

PE Hampshire Premier League line-up 2012/13 -

SENIOR DIVISION (18 clubs): AFC Aldermaston, AFC Stoneham, Bournemouth Sports, Clanfield, Colden Common, Fleetlands, Hamble Club, Hedge End Rangers, Liphook United, Liss Athletic, Locks Heath, Otterbourne, Overton United, Paulsgrove, QK Southampton, Sporting Bishops Waltham, University of Portsmouth, Winchester Castle.

COMBINATION DIVISION (17 clubs): AFC Aldermaston Res, AFC Stoneham Res, Bournemouth Sports Res, Clanfield Res, Colden Common Res, Fleetlands Res, Hamble Club Res, Hedge End Rangers Res, Liphook United Res, Liss Athletic Res, Locks Heath Res, Otterbourne Res, Overton United Res, Paulsgrove Res, QK Southampton Res, Sporting Bishops Waltham Res, Winchester Castle Res.

● **Tim May has stood down as league secretary due to other commitments but hopes to stay involved with the league in some capacity.**

Roger Allen has moved over from the role of development officer to become league secretary while Peter Sowton will be the development secretary.

There can be no repeat of last season's PEHPL Senior Cup final with holders Liphook United and runners-up Paulsgrove drawn together in the first round of this year's competition.

PEHPL cup draws 2012/13

SENIOR CUP
First round: Overton United v QK Southampton, Paulsgrove v Liphook United. Second round: AFC Aldermaston v Overton United/QK Southampton, AFC Stoneham v Sporting Bishops Waltham, Bournemouth Sports v Locks Heath, Colden Common v Hamble Club, Fleetlands v Hedge End Rangers, Liss Athletic v Clanfield, Otterbourne v University of Portsmouth, Winchester Castle v Paulsgrove/Liphook United.

COMBINATION CUP First round: AFC Aldermaston Res v Hamble Club Res. Second round: AFC Aldermaston Res/Hamble Club Res v Fleetlands Res, Bournemouth Sports Res v Hedge End Rangers Res, Clanfield Res v Locks Heath Res, Colden Common Res v QK Southampton Res, Liphook United Res v AFC Stoneham Res, Otterbourne Res v Sporting Bishops Waltham Res, Overton United Res v Liss Athletic Res, Winchester Castle Res v Paulsgrove Res.

Tom gets key duo back

MANAGER Tom Killick is tipping returning stars Dave Sturgess and Lamin Dibba to provide a major boost to Poole Town's Southern One South & West promotion prospects.

A mainstay of the club's run to the FA Vase semi-finals in 2011, Sturgess missed all of last season after suffering a serious knee ligament injury.

And centre-half Dibba was restricted to just six appearances on Poole's return to the Southern League

because of a knee problem.

Both men are expected to make their comebacks during the Dolphins' pre-season campaign and Killick is confident they will quickly re-establish themselves – meaning he does not have to rush his search for new recruits.

"We have lost two or three players, but we have already gained two new ones, if you like," said the boss.

"I honestly felt, with the way Dave Sturgess was developing, that he was

going to be one of our integral players last season. It was a cruel injury from his point of view – and ours.

"To be without him for the whole season was a big blow, so it is the old story that it is like acquiring a new player.

"He tells me that, physically, he is feeling very good. If he can get back from the injury and to the levels he was at before, he could be a really big player for us.

"I think he might need a month or two to really get back into the swing of things.

"Effectively, you could also say we were without Lamin Dibba for the season.

"If I had been asked at the start of last season to pick our most important player, he would have been one of them.

"That means the players we did have available should be given more credit for how we performed when we were without both Dave and Lamin."

Poole are hoping to go one better next term after losing out to Alex Pike's Gosport Borough in the play-off final.



LAMIN DIBBA

KILLICK'S PERSUASIVE HOWES CALL



U-TURN: Poole midfielder Glenn Howes, right

HEDGE End-based midfielder Glenn Howes opted against a return to Gosport Borough after Poole boss Tom Killick talked him into a dramatic U-turn.

Howes admitted to holding talks with Borough manager Alex Pike before coming to "a verbal agreement over the phone" to join the Privett Park outfit who beat Poole in last season's Southern One South & West play-off final.

But no sooner had Gosport announced him as one of five new signings on their official website than Howes had a change of heart.

Howes confessed he had been "toing and fro-ing" and considering his options as he lives far closer to Gosport and has to combine his work commitments with travelling to train and play.

But the 30-year-old said Killick's powers of persuasion and the challenge of going one better with Poole next season had swayed his final decision in favour of staying with

the Dolphins.

Howes explained: "I had an approach from Gosport and met up with Alex Pike and then Tom Killick.

"I spoke to Tom and, with the calibre of players he was chasing, I came to the conclusion that he wouldn't need me in the squad. "Then it was bad timing with Tom as he went on holiday.

"I said I was considering quitting, but Tom said I couldn't leave and that I was quite highly thought of.

"He said he felt like there was a bit of unfinished business with the way the club finished the season and I had a U-turn and agreed to sign again for Tom."

Howes, a former Newport IoW, Eastleigh and Basingstoke Town player, made 31 appearances for the Dolphins last term.

He claims he chose to stay in Dorset despite being offered a better financial package by Gosport.

"Poole have been really welcoming," he said. "The board of direc-

tors have been fantastic to me.

"They have looked after me a couple of times when I have been injured and paid for the physiotherapy.

"I have got a lot to add and pass on to the likes of (Poole youngsters) Will Spetch and Marvin Brooks.

"I said to Tom that the club have been very good to me and that if I saw Poole racing away with the title or in the play-offs next season, I wouldn't have been able to help thinking 'what if?'. So, after sleeping on it, I decided to stay and give it one more big go."

According to Gosport, Howes said that travelling to Poole had been a "constant problem" and, they say, the player even went as far as contacting several of his Dolphins teammates to say his farewells.

Pike put a good face on Howes' U-turn and hinted that the door would remain ajar for him.

"No doubt we will see Glenn in the colours of Gosport in the future," he said.

Page is first in at Romsey

NEW Romsey Town boss Danny Barker has secured his first summer signing.

With last season's goalkeeper Matt Brown moving on, Barker has replaced him with Jon Page from Ringwood Town.

Page made 22 Wessex appearances for Fawley AFC last season before moving back to his former club Ringwood towards the end of the campaign.

Prior to joining Ringwood, he had played for Lymington Town in the Sydenhams Premier Division and was part of the



DANNY BARKER

Wayne Lockey-managed side which reached the fourth round of the FA Vase in 2007/08.

Barker, who was unveiled last month as Wayne Mew's replacement at Romsey, said: "Matt Brown was the number one last season and, in my opinion, he was the best 'keeper in the league. I always felt it was possible he would move on and he's been good enough to let me know early.

"Jon's a good signing. He's excited about coming to Romsey and wants to settle down and get back on track.

"He's seen what we're trying to do here and it helps that Steve Hollick (one of Barker's two assistant managers) is a goalkeeping coach."

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Non-league Football

League 1 test for Spitfires

EASTLEIGH will host a pre-season friendly against a full-strength Crewe Alexandra side on Tuesday, July 24 (7.45).

The Spitfires had been due to visit AFC Totton that evening, but manager Ian Baird could not resist the temptation to pit his wits against a Crewe side who recently secured promotion to League One via the play-offs.

Bossed by former Crewe, Burnley and Oxford defender Steve Davis, the Railwaymen boast a proud history of youth development.

They have brought through a wealth of internationals including Rob Jones, Neil Lennon, Danny Murphy, Seth Johnson and Dean Ashton.

Only this week Crewe sold 18-year-old England youth international Nick Powell to Manchester United.

Eastleigh spokesman Darren Nangle said: "Ian Baird is working very hard to make sure we hit the ground running come the start of the season and a team of Crewe's technical ability and calibre will obviously provide a stiff test for him and his team."

"Everything at the club is focused on what looks to be an exciting season next year."

"It is flattering that Crewe's Steve Davis sees Eastleigh as ideal preparation for them too."

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES 2012

Saturday, July 7
Frimley Green v Aylesford Town
Sporting BW v Fareham Town (on 3G pitch at Wide Lane, Eastleigh, 3.00)
US Portsmouth v GE Hamble

Tuesday, July 10
AFC Stoneham v Romsey Town (6.30)
Blackfield & Langley v AFC Totton (7.45)
Brockenhurst v Aylesford Town

Wednesday, July 11
Winchester City v Salisbury City (7.45)

Thursday, July 12
Moneyfields Res v Fareham Town Res (6.30)

Friday, July 13
AFC Stoneham v Horndean Res (7.15)
Whitchurch Utd v Fawley AFC

Saturday, July 14
Markus Liebherr Memorial at St Mary's - Saints, Arsenal and Rangers.
Alton Town v Aldershot Town
Cowes Sports v GE Hamble XI
QK Soton v Fareham Town (3.00)
Ringwood v GE Hamble XI
Stockbridge v Romsey Town
US Portsmouth v Totton (double fixture, 12.30 and 2.30)

Whelan arrival gets thumbs up from Sholing boss Diaper

SHOLING boss Dave Diaper has welcomed the Boatmen bringing more hands on deck for next season.

Without it, he admits he might have been tempted to walk away from the club he has led to the Evo-Stik Southern One South & West play-offs for the last three seasons.

Diaper has been listed merely as first-team manager in the club's matchday programme.

But that doesn't begin to cover all the time, energy and hard work he has put in behind the scenes during more than a decade at Portsmouth Road.

He has been a major influence on club affairs, both on and off the pitch, transforming them from a modest Hampshire League outfit to an established Southern League force.

But the burden of those responsibilities have weighed heavily on his shoulders.

And, had it not been for this week's arrival of new chairman Sean Whelan and the setting up of a seven-strong executive management board, he says he might have had second thoughts about staying.

"These past few years have been very onerous and strenuous and there was a possibility I wouldn't have continued this season without additional help," he confessed.

"My concern going into the play-offs was always that, if we did promoted, we would be badly stretched with the existing set-up."

"But getting more people involved is very good for the future."

"It gives us a proper infrastructure and means we can get together for a think tank each month."

"We've got people with good business acumen who run their own businesses and, if everyone chips in, it will lighten the workload for me and the chairman as well."

"We're very much a family club and a community club where everyone works well together."

"There are no big egos and no pockets of resistance. Collectively we will move the club forward."

Whelan, who had a brief spell as AFC



NEW FACES AT SHOLING:
Sean Whelan and his fiancée Caroline Hookway.

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Totton chairman earlier this year, replaces long-serving clubman Trevor Lewis at the Portsmouth Road helm.

Lewis, whose loyalty and commitment to the Boatmen spans 47 years, will continue as a director and provide support for what Sholing believe will be an exciting period in the club's history.

Whelan heads the new executive management board as chairman with Diaper as vice-chairman.

They will be joined by Lewis and Dave Bennett (both directors), Colin Chamberlain (secretary), Malcolm Stokes (treasurer) and Caroline Hookway (head of marketing).

In addition, there will be four marketing directors - Ian Scivier, Gerry

Roberts, Gary Cassells and Mike Marsh - and an operations committee to help with the day-to-day running of the club.

Welcoming Netley-based Whelan to Portsmouth Road, Diaper said: "Sean has previously been associated with Eastleigh and Totton."

"He's got a lot of knowledge and the biggest thing of all is that he's someone who matches my enthusiasm for the game. I'm pleased with the proposals he's bringing in."

"You need a proper business structure at the top end and it's comforting to know that, if I was not around, the club would go on."

"Marketing will be more professionally approached and Sean is bringing in his fiancée Caroline as marketing director."

"Together, along with the additional professional members of the executive management team, we can take this club to the next level."

Tuesday, July 17
Brockenhurst v GE Hamble (7.45)
Horndean v Gosport Borough (7.30)
Frome Town v Salisbury City (7.45)
Romsey Town v Sholing XI (7.45)

Thursday, July 19
Christchurch v Sholing (7.45)
Poole Town v Eastleigh (7.45)
Sporting BW v Romsey Town (6.30)
Whitchurch Utd v Thatcham Town
(Dango Tournament at Andover New Street)

Friday, July 20
Horndean v Eastleigh XI (7.30)

Saturday, July 21
AFC Portchester v Poole Town (3.00)
AFC Totton v Farnborough (3.00)
Arlsey Town v Salisbury City (3.00)
Basingstoke Town v Reading (3.00)
Brockenhurst v Wembley (3.00)
Chichester City v GE Hamble
Evian Thonon Gaillard v SAINTS
(Stade Joseph-Moynat, 7.00 local)

Gillingham Town v Aylesford Town
New Milton Town v AFC
Bournemouth XI (3.00)
Winchester City v SAINTS XI (3.00)

Tuesday, July 24
AFC Portchester v Gosport Borough
Brackley Town v Salisbury City (7.45)
Brockenhurst v Lymington Town
Colden Common v Whitchurch Utd
Eastleigh v Crewe Alexandra (7.45)
GE Hamble v Sholing (7.45)
Pagham v Fareham Town (7.45)
Ringwood Town v Romsey Town
Wantage Town v Aylesford Tn (7.45)
Winchester City v Basingstoke Town (7.45)

Thursday, July 26
Colden Common v Romsey Town (6.30)

Friday, July 27
AFC Totton v Basingstoke Town.
Bemerton HH v Frome Town
GE Hamble v Gosport Borough XI

Saturday, July 28
Blackfield & Ly v Sholing XI (3.00)
Calne Town v Fareham Town (3.00)
Chichester v Aylesford Town (3.00)
Fareham Town v Camberley Tn (3.00)
New Milton Town v Paulton (2.30)
North Leigh v Eastleigh (3.00)
SAINTS v Ajax (3.00)
Salisbury City v Reading (3.00)
Winchester City v AFC Bournemouth XI (3.00)

Monday, July 30
AFC Portchester v Pagham
Downton v Eastleigh XI
Fawley AFC v Brockenhurst

Tuesday, July 31
Basingstoke Town v AFC
Bournemouth.
Poole Town v Salisbury City (7.45)
Sholing v Eastleigh (7.45)

Wednesday, August 1
New Milton Town Res v AFC

Bournemouth U18 Academy (7.00)

Friday, August 3
Salisbury City v Swindon Town (7.45)

Saturday, August 4
Basingstoke Town v Brentford (3.00).
SAINTS v Wolves (3.00)
Wimborne Town v AFC Totton (3.00)
Winchester City v Eastleigh (3.00)

Tuesday, August 7
AFC Totton v Salisbury City (7.30)
Bristol City v SAINTS (7.45)
Eastleigh v Oxford Utd (7.45)

Saturday, August 11
Chippenham Tn v Basingstoke Town.
Eastleigh v Reading XI (3.00)
Fleet Town v AFC Totton
SAINTS v Udinese (12.00)
Salisbury City v Portsmouth (3.00)

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Non-league News

Greater financial help ...

NON-LEAGUE clubs are in line to receive more financial backing for ground improvement projects.

The Football Stadia Improvement Fund (FSIF) has announced a change in eligibility criteria, meaning clubs can apply for a higher percentage of financial support over a wider range of projects.

Funded with £6m each year from the Premier League, the FSIF is the country's largest provider of grants towards projects that help improve comfort and safety at lower league football grounds in both the professional and amateur games.

Since its launch in 2000, the FSIF has awarded around £100m worth of grants for improvements ranging from new stands and turnstiles to floodlighting and improved provision for disabled supporters.

Richard Scudamore, chief executive of the Premier League, said: "These changes are for the long-term good of football."

"It will be easier for clubs to get hold of funding."

"There is £6m there annually for people to access and we want as many to benefit from it as possible."

"Grassroots is fundamental to football because the wider the base, the better it will be at the top."

"The English pyramid is the envy of the world and programmes like the FSIF will ensure that this continues to be the case."

Key changes impacting non-League clubs include -

● The Step 2 (Conference South/North) ceiling being increased from £150,000 to £250,000.

● Clubs can now apply for financial support of up to 50 per cent of the total project for Steps 1-5 (Conference National - Sydenhams Premier) and 70 per cent for Steps 6 (Sydenhams One) and 7.

Previously percentages varied, starting at 20 per cent.

The change will be of particular benefit to the higher levels of the non-League pyramid.

● Hospitality areas have been made eligible throughout the Pyramid, from simple tea bars to function suites, in order to provide greater revenue generation opportunities.

● Grants are now available for items such as players' and officials' protected walkways, press seating, dug-outs, pitch maintenance equipment and ball-stop netting, which were all previously ineligible.

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BOOK of the WEEK

Keep On Running
By Phil Hewitt
Summersdale Publishers

Sports book of the month.com
price: £5.03, saving 44% on rrp

As more people consider expensive gym membership to be the height of conspicuous consumption, so those of us who spurned running indoors on treadmills to a distracting backdrop of trashy TV have noticed a significant rise in the number of runners regularly completing a circuit of the local park for free.

Many appear delighted simply to have jettisoned an onerous monthly direct debit; others struggle in natural, windswept conditions, while a smaller number clearly harbour greater ambitions beyond running 10km in under an hour.

Phil Hewitt is one such ambitious runner, a man who, having accumulated a steady supply of life's responsibilities (mortgage, work, family life etc) found his thoughts became increasingly focused on running, "an unspoken longing for that rush of energy you're supposed to get as you hammer out the miles."

The author was clearly bitten by the running bug back in 1998, for since then he has clocked up an incredible 24 marathons in eight different countries. "Life without a marathon looming on the horizon has become unimaginable," he writes.

Like many of life's most precious gifts, chance played a large part in presenting Hewitt with the opportunity to run his first marathon, in London.

"Perhaps I had been seeking [the opportunity] for a while," he reflects. His trousers had begun to feel a tad too tight around the waist, he was working long hours in a largely sedentary job and "sluggishness had crept in by the back door...of my existence."

Many folks, when recognising this, decide 'to get fit', although crucially, it's invariably at some future point. Hewitt, when presented with the chance to compete in the London marathon, grabs it with both hands.

His enthusiastic acceptance is one of many inspirational passages in a well-written sporting tale.

The author is driven not by any promise of financial reward, nor has he been building to running a marathon for years, yet the sense that he must undertake the challenge quickly forms in his mind and he is keen to satisfy a desire that exists within many of us.

What follows is an extremely readable account of self-motivation on an heroic scale, one likely to inspire park runners everywhere into thinking, "I could do that".

● *The Sports Pink* has teamed up with *Sports Book of the Month* & have five signed copies of *Keep On Running* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to (www.sportsbookofthemoth.com) and answer the following question:

What is the exact distance over which the marathon is run?

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LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN

Regatta a good Sign for Alain

ALAIN Sign might have just outshone his London 2012 compatriots at the recent Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta.

But the Hampshire sailor insists he is now happy to turn his attention towards helping them, *writes OLIVER PORRITT.*

The 26-year-old and partner Dylan Fletcher were overlooked in selection for London 2012, the sole 49er spot going to Stevie Morrison and Ben Rhodes.

But with the two boats battling it out on the Olympic waters at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, less than two months away from the Games themselves, it was Lee-on-the-Solent star Sign and Fletcher who came out on top.

While the Olympic-bound duo of Southampton-born Rhodes and Morrison finished fourth, Sign and Fletcher helped themselves to a medal, pipping them to bronze by just two points.

However, there is no time to celebrate, Sign adamant he still has a job to do in preparing Rhodes and Morrison for the Greatest Show on



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Earth.

"We are pretty happy with how the regatta went obviously with winning the bronze," said Sign, who also saw fellow Brits Dave Evans and Ed Powys compete in the medal race.

"It wasn't our best regatta or our best week as we felt we had let a few points go in a few races but we are ecstatic to get a bronze medal.

"There is tougher competition here than there is at the Games because there are so many more teams so it really means a lot to us.

"It was fantastic having three British boats doing well. Stevie and Ben were really pushing us near the end for the medal.

"But we are chuffed to have held them off and got the medal but now we will be helping them towards

the Games and hopefully they can come away with a shinier medal at the Olympics.

"Us and Dave Evans and Ed Powys are their training partners so we will be doing everything we can to help them and that is what is next for us."

Despite having to sit this one out, Sign and Fletcher's performance on Olympic waters shows they are ones to watch.

A sentiment echoed by Sign, who has his sights firmly set on the next opportunity in Rio in four years time.

"The selectors had a tough time for the 49ers for London 2012 and they made the decision they felt was right," he added.

"It was a difficult one to lump but medalling here gives us a lot of confidence and shows that we are one of the top boats for Rio in 2016."

Investment specialist Skandia is the principal sponsor of the British sailing team. For more information go to www.skandiateamgb.com.

ALEX: MY GREAT TIME!

SOUTHAMPTON-BORN GB hockey star Alex Danson continues her countdown to the London Olympics in her exclusive monthly column.

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SIR Elton John, the Queen's Jubilee and now the Investec London Cup.

What an amazing start to what will be an incredible month.

We were invited to the Princess Victoria theatre for the seventh birthday and 3,000th production of Billy Elliot.

It was brilliant and definitely the best show I've ever seen.

On top of that, we had the honour of meeting Sir Elton John.

It was just incredible. There is a parallel between theatre and sport.

It's quite similar in that you have to dedicate your life to training and performing, which is what we do essentially.

So because of that Sir Elton really understood what we did.

He was so supportive and said he'll be watching us in the summer.

He was such a legend, and I absolutely love the photo of us with him.

After a weekend of preparation for the Investec London Cup, we all got together at the hotel and watched the Jubilee concert.

It looked so fantastic and the atmosphere was so special.

We were all saying how much we wished we were there.

But at the same time, the team has a job to do, and that is the main focus.

For me, the London Cup is about



ROCKET MAN: Alex Danson, second leg, meets Elton John backstage at Billy Elliot.

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supporting the team.

I am still rehabbing my left shoulder, which was injured in the Olympic Test Event.

It's already much better, but it's just a case of time and making sure it's completely right before I get back playing.

The physio said it should only be two weeks before I can get back on the pitch, which is just so great because I find it really difficult not

playing.

Usually even just a few days off feels strange, so I'll be desperate to play in two weeks' time.

I'll probably be refreshed and full of energy, though, so it might not be such a bad thing.

The team unfortunately lost their first match against South Africa.

We played really well but SA took their chances better.

It was a miserable day out there, the wind and rain just made it really horrible.

It's such a shame the weather has been so pants, not only for the Investec London Cup, but also for such a special weekend like the

Jubilee.

I do think it's great that it didn't stop anyone.

For the Thames celebrations, the concert and the hockey, the typical British didn't stop the amazing patriotism that Britain showed.

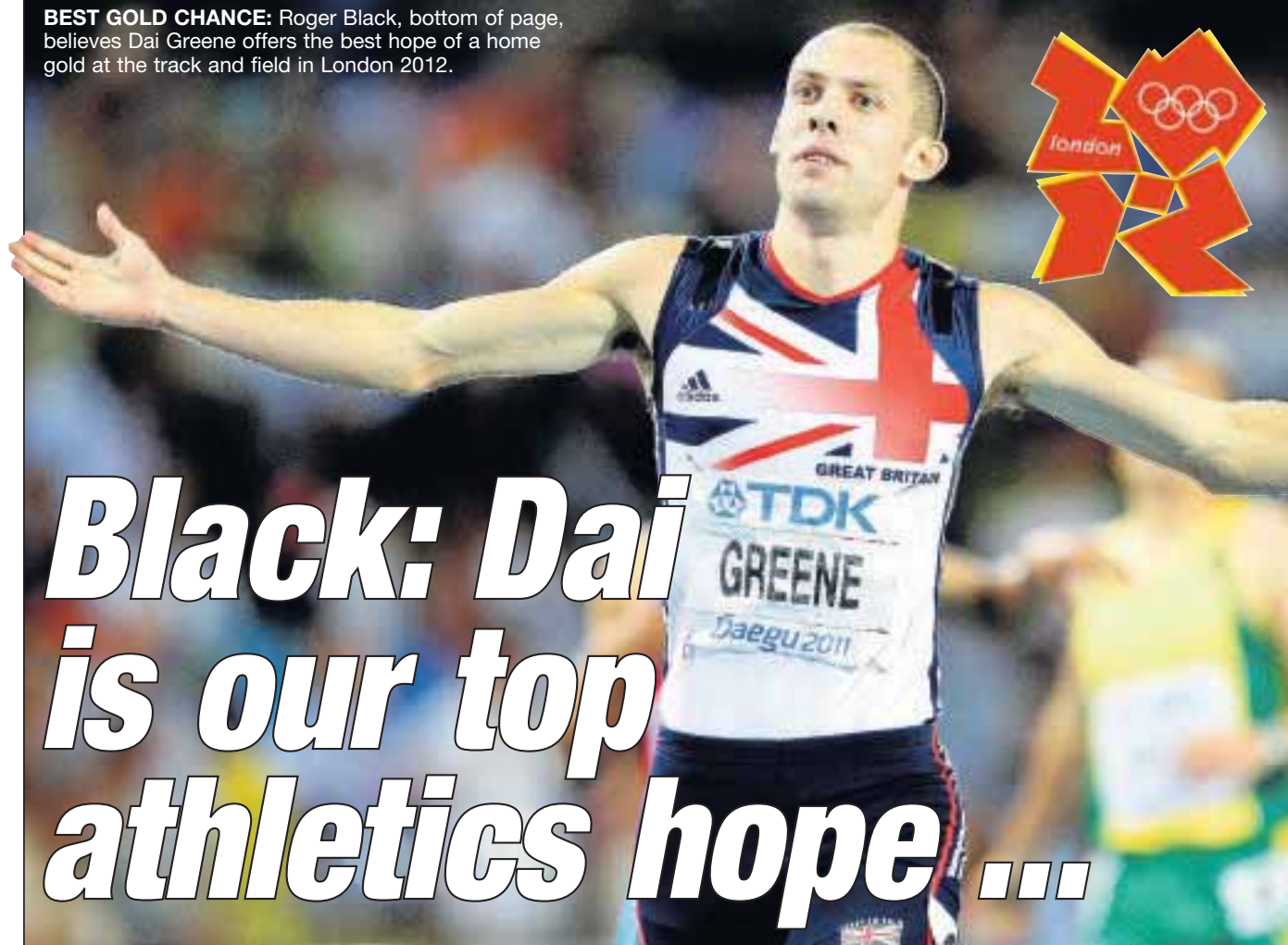
It was so special.

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LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN

BEST GOLD CHANCE: Roger Black, bottom of page, believes Dai Greene offers the best hope of a home gold at the track and field in London 2012.



Black: Dai is our top athletics hope ...

OLYMPIC medallist Roger Black believes Dai Greene offers Great Britain their best chance of winning track and field gold at this summer's Games.

But the former Team Solent star has also warned against writing off the hopes of reigning 400-metre champion Christine Ohuruogu, writes **BEN BAKER.**

Black, who won 400m and 400m relay silver at Atlanta in 1996, thinks GB have five "realistic" hopes of striking gold at the Olympic Stadium – but feels Greene is the best placed of the lot at present.

Greene is the reigning world, European and Commonwealth 400m hurdles champion and the 26-year-old will be desperate to complete the clean sweep in London.

"On their day, there are five realistic chances of medals, if not gold medals, and that's Dai Greene in the hurdles, Mo Farah twice, Jessica Ennis and Phillips Idowu," said Black.

"I wouldn't put my house on anybody, because I know how hard it is. But if I had to I would put it on Dai Greene."

Great Britain returned from Beijing with 19 gold medals four years ago but only one of them

came in athletics, with Ohuruogu victorious in the 400m.

Since that triumph, the 28-year-old has suffered badly with injuries and a loss of form and it remains to be seen if she will be able to successfully defend her Olympic crown.

However, she sent out a warning to her rivals with a stunning display to help Britain win the 4x400m relay at the World Indoor Championship in March, and Black believes you write Ohuruogu off "at your peril".

Gosport-born Black, a former University of

Southampton student, said: "The person slipping under the radar, I think, is Christine Ohuruogu, who has been carrying an injury for two years and is now apparently healthy."

"When you're an Olympic champion and you're healthy – write her off at your peril, that's what I say."

"I'm not basing that on any facts, she still hasn't raced properly yet, but people that win major championships should never be written off."

"I may be completely wrong, but you sometimes have a hunch."

"If Christine is healthy I just think she's the kind of person you can't write off."

"Nobody's talking about her very much because she's had a very average last two years."

Another member of GB's silver-medal winning 4x400m relay team at the 1996 Olympics, Jamie Baulch, also has high expectations of Greene heading into London 2012.

Baulch is Greene's manager and he believes the Welshman's big strength is his mental attitude.

Baulch said: "He (Greene) has got the mental strength over all the British athletes."

"What I always say to people about Dai Greene is that he isn't the

most talented, as in the fastest, because there are some Americans who are faster than Dai, and on the day they could produce a faster performance."

"But what Dai's got in his back pocket over everyone in the British team I would say is that consistency and also having that mental ability that when it comes to a final he doesn't care, and that is priceless."

"I've trained with Frankie Fredericks, with Linford Christie, Colin Jackson, Darren Campbell, Katherine Merry, just to name a few of them, and this guy is far beyond all of those people in mental ability."

Despite that though, Baulch believes Farah is probably GB's best hope for athletics gold in London.

He said: "Hot favourites are three athletes. Dai Greene after what he did last year in Daegu, Jess Ennis and Mo Farah."

"The one for me, even though I manage Dai, who is likely to win is Mo Farah."

"Jess has got some very stiff competition and so has Dai."

"If Dai gets it right on the day then he can do it, but there are some Americans out there who are obviously very quick, but with Dai's pedigree he's a serious competitor and he pulls it out when it matters."

BOOK of the WEEK

Sky's The Limit
By Richard Moore

Sportsbookofthemonth.com
price: £5.99, saving £3.00 on rrp

In a fortnight's time, as football's European Championship reaches its denouement, so the world's largest live sporting event will begin in Belgium.

Over the ensuing three weeks, between 4-5 million people will gather and cheer by country roadsides, atop mountains and 10-deep in towns and villages to catch a glimpse of the Tour de France.

For the first time, a British

team and its two principal riders, Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish, have a genuine opportunity to dominate the race; on current form, Wiggins could win it.

Though he was permitted unprecedented access to riders, sporting directors and managers, Richard Moore makes clear that his account of Team Sky's Tour de France debut in 2010 is not an 'authorised' or 'official' version.

Accordingly, this is a warts-and-all account, written without even a hint of PR machine control.

Shorn of any 'fluff', it makes for an engrossing read.

The book's sub-title: *British Cycling's Quest to Conquer the Tour de France* confirms the purpose of Sky's project.

Effectively, this was to extend the same principles which had resulted in the British Cycling Academy producing world class track-based talent and apply them to road racing.

However, it was unlikely that any team, even one as well funded as Sky, would get it right first time.

They didn't.

Moore documents the introduction of new coaching methods at training camps, the process of rider selection and the attention to detail which creates the all-important marginal gains.

Yet this was a far from straightforward process and there are arguments, controversy and, ultimately, departures.

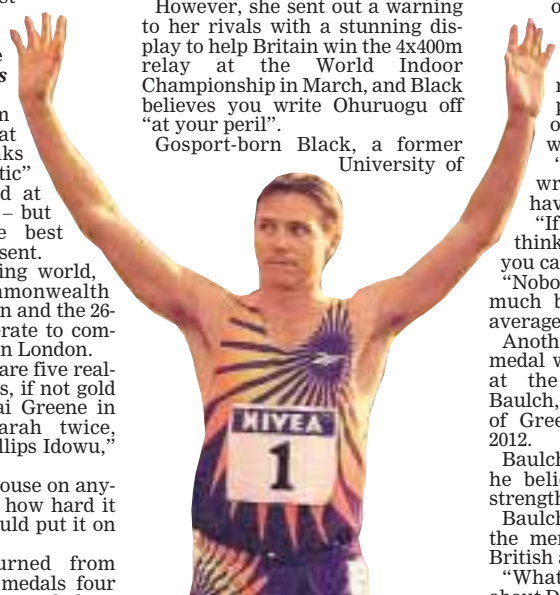
But it's Le Tour that takes centre stage.

Two years ago, the burden of trying to produce a clean British Tour winner within five years of being created eventually told on Team Sky.

Moore details the disappointment everyone felt when it became clear they would be unable to fulfil their objective, although as we approach the 2012 Tour, Bradley Wiggins amongst the favourites to win it.

Sky's *the Limit*, published in paperback next week (June 21) is a well written, well structured, recommended read. And, if England fail to win the Euros, it's possible Wiggins, an Englishman, could win one major European sporting event this year.

Should he do so, the foundations of how he did it are detailed here.



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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



Proud heritage

WHENEVER the West Indies visit Hampshire, it evokes memories of the Caribbean greats to have played for the county over the last 60 years.

So it is fitting that the current Windies side will begin their one-day international series against England at The Ageas Bowl today.

No other county has such strong Caribbean connections and Hampshire are rightly proud of them.

The West Indies will have arrived at The Ageas Bowl this morning on Marshall Drive, the road circuiting the Ageas Bowl having been named after county legends Roy and Malcolm.

And in more than one corner of The Ageas Bowl's pavilion are reminders of Hampshire's rich Caribbean heritage.

These are the 14 West Indians to have played for Hampshire.

ROY MARSHALL (1953-62)

The bespectacled Barbadian made his first-class debut for Barbados as a 15-year-old and came to Hampshire's attention when he made 135 for the West Indies at Northlands Road in 1950.

Within three years, having played only two Tests after struggling to force his way into the West Indies side, he sacrificed his international career to play for Hampshire.

A flamboyant yet unorthodox opening batsman, he pioneered the cut short over third man.

Only the great Phil Mead has scored more than the 30,303 runs he made at 36.03 in 504 first-class matches for Hampshire.

Died in 1992.



DANNY LIVINGSTONE (1959-72)

Took the catch that clinched Hampshire their last County Championship title, at Bournemouth's Dean Park 1961.

The left-handed Antiguan batsman is also remembered for his partnership of 230 with Alan Castell against Surrey in 1962, which is still the county's record ninth-wicket stand.

Batting at four, Livingstone scored made his career-best 200, having been dropped first ball - a hat-trick ball.

He scored 12,660 runs in 299 first-class matches for the county, including 16 hundreds, and 1,044 at 25.4 in one-dayers.

A former Director of Sport for Antigua, he died in 1988 aged 55.

JOHN HOLDER (1968-72)

Best known for his career as an international umpire from 1988-2001, the Barbadian took 139 wickets at 24.6 in five seasons for Hampshire with his brisk medium pace.

His five five-wicket hauls in 47 first-class matches included 5-96 on debut against Somerset at Portsmouth and match figures of 13-128 against Gloucestershire (6-49 & 7-79) at Gloucester in his final season.

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HAMPSHIRE skittled the touring West Indians for just 106 in a three-day clash at Northlands Road in 1969.

But they still ended up losing a thrilling game by three wickets.

The tourists, set almost 400 to win, reached their target thanks to a century from opener Roy Fredericks and major contributions from Clive Lloyd (84), the legendary Gary Sobers (81) and Charlie Davis (70).

Hampshire v West Indians, Southampton, 1969

Hampshire first innings

BA Richards c Findlay b Foster	86
BL Reed c Gibbs b Sobers	0
RV Lewis c Camacho b Shillingford	1
RMC Gilliat c Findlay b Shillingford	2
PJ Sainsbury c Foster b Roberts	51
DA Livingstone c Carew b Shillingford	15
TE Jesty c and b Carew	43
GR Stephenson b Roberts	14
AT Castell c and b Carew	7
RMH Cottam c Gibbs b Carew	9
DW White not out	50
Extras	9
Total (all out, 89.4 overs)	287
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-4, 3-6, 4-144, 5-148, 6-181, 7-211, 8-227, 9-229, 10-287 (89.4 ov)	
Bowling: Sobers 10-1-16-1, Shillingford 12-3-22-3, Davis 7-0-25-0, Roberts 30-6-82-2, Gibbs 6-0-22-0, Foster 11-3-40-1, Carew 13-4-3-71-3	

West Indians first innings

GS Camacho c Stephenson b Cottam	26
MLC Foster b White	5
RC Fredericks lbw b Cottam	1
CA Davis b White	3
CH Lloyd c Jesty b Cottam	8
MC Carew c Stephenson b Jesty	2
GS Sobers b Castell	19
TM Findlay lbw b Cottam	5
PR Roberts c Richards b Castell	5
LR Gibbs not out	10
GC Shillingford c & b Castell	10
Extras	12
Total (all out, 48.1 overs)	106
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-17, 3-27, 4-39, 5-49, 6-52, 7-76, 8-76, 9-85, 10-106 (48.1 ov)	
Bowling: White 14-4-30-2, Cottam 21-4-52-4, Castell 11.1-5-9-3, Jesty 3-0-3-1	

Hampshire second innings

BA Richards not out	120
BL Reed b Shillingford	13
RV Lewis c Lloyd b Shillingford	17
DA Livingstone c Findlay b Lloyd	8
PJ Sainsbury c Findlay b Foster	8
TE Jesty not out	44
Extras	5
Total (4 wickets, declared, 62 overs)	215
Fall of wickets: 1-39, 2-64, 3-91, 4-137	
Bowling: Sobers 2-0-6-0, Shillingford 10-1-41-2, Davis 10-0-19-0, Roberts 13-3-67-0, Foster 11-1-37-1, Lloyd 16-3-40-1	

West Indians second innings

GS Camacho c Stephenson b Cottam	4
RC Fredericks c Castell b Richards	129
MLC Foster c Castell b White	0
TM Findlay b White	5
CA Davis c Reed b Castell	70
CH Lloyd c Sainsbury b Jesty	84
GS Sobers b Castell	81
MC Carew not out	1
PR Roberts not out	4
Extras	19
Total (7 wickets, 92.5 overs)	397
Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-21, 3-44, 4-220, 5-221, 6-385, 7-393	
Bowling: White 17-4-46-2, Cottam 18-5-61-1, Castell 14.5-2-66-2, Jesty 13-2-55-1, Sainsbury 19-2-93-0, Richards 11-2-57-1	
West Indians won by 3 wickets	

VIV Richards lit up the 1976 England v West Indies Test series with two double centuries, including 291 in the fifth Test at The Oval.

Hampshire also felt the full force of his power, when he made 176 in a three-day game at Northlands Road.

That was one of his six hundreds in 16 first class games on the Windies tour.

Gordon Greenidge didn't play against his own county, but still ended the tour with eight centuries and a remarkable 1,952 first class runs from 20 games!

The Windies are no strangers to the south coast ...

Hampshire v West Indians, Southampton, May 1976

Hampshire first innings

RV Lewis c Fredericks b Julien	4
P Barrett c Fredericks b Holding	6
DR Turner c Kallicharran b Holder	13
TE Jesty c Richards b Holder	22
AJ Murtagh b Holder	24
RMC Gilliat c Fredericks b Holding	20
PJ Sainsbury b Padmore	16
JM Rice c Murray b Holder	24
MJ Hill lbw b Holder	0
RS Herman c Richards b Padmore	12
JW Southern not out	0
Extras	11
Total (all out, 54.3 overs)	152
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-12, 3-40, 4-53, 5-85, 6-100, 7-134, 8-134, 9-151, 10-152 (54.3 ov)	
Bowling: Julien 11-3-34-1, Holding 11-2-28-2, Holder 18-7-44-5, Gomes 2-1-5-0, King 3-1-3-0, Padmore 9-3-2-27-2	

West Indians first innings

RC Fredericks c Hill b Jesty	33
IVA Richards b Southern	176
MA Holding c Gilliat b Jesty	0
AI Kallicharran c Hill b Herman	36
HA Gomes c Hill b Jesty	56
CL King c Murtagh b Rice	21
CH Lloyd not out	31
Extras	18
Total (6 wickets, declared, 107 overs)	371
Fall of wickets: 1-108, 2-108, 3-162, 4-285, 5-321, 6-371	
Bowling: Herman 32-8-89-1, Rice 26-6-111-1, Jesty 32-8-86-3, Southern 13-2-56-1, Murtagh 4-0-11-0	

Hampshire second innings

RV Lewis c Murray b Padmore	12
P Barrett c Murray b Holding	18
DR Turner c Richards b Padmore	4
TE Jesty c Julien b Padmore	65
AJ Murtagh b Padmore	2
RMC Gilliat c Murray b Holding	4
JM Rice run out	16

MJ Hill c Holding b Padmore	7
RS Herman b Holder	3
JW Southern not out	5
PJ Sainsbury absent hurt	
Extras	5
Total (all out, 53 overs)	131
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-33, 3-46, 4-52, 5-61, 6-98, 7-116, 8-119, 9-131 (53 ov)	
Bowling: Julien 5-4-3-0, Holding 13-2-39-2, Holder 13-5-33-1, Padmore 20-5-49-5, Fredericks 2-0-2-0	
West Indians won by an innings and 88 runs	

GORDON Greenidge did play when the Windies next returned to Southampton, for a one-day game in 1988.

And he celebrated his return to Northlands Road with 103 - one of the 33 limited over centuries of his

glittering career.

Hampshire were never in with a chance of winning and eventually lost by 93 runs.

Hampshire v West Indians, Southampton, May 1988 (50-over match)

West Indians innings

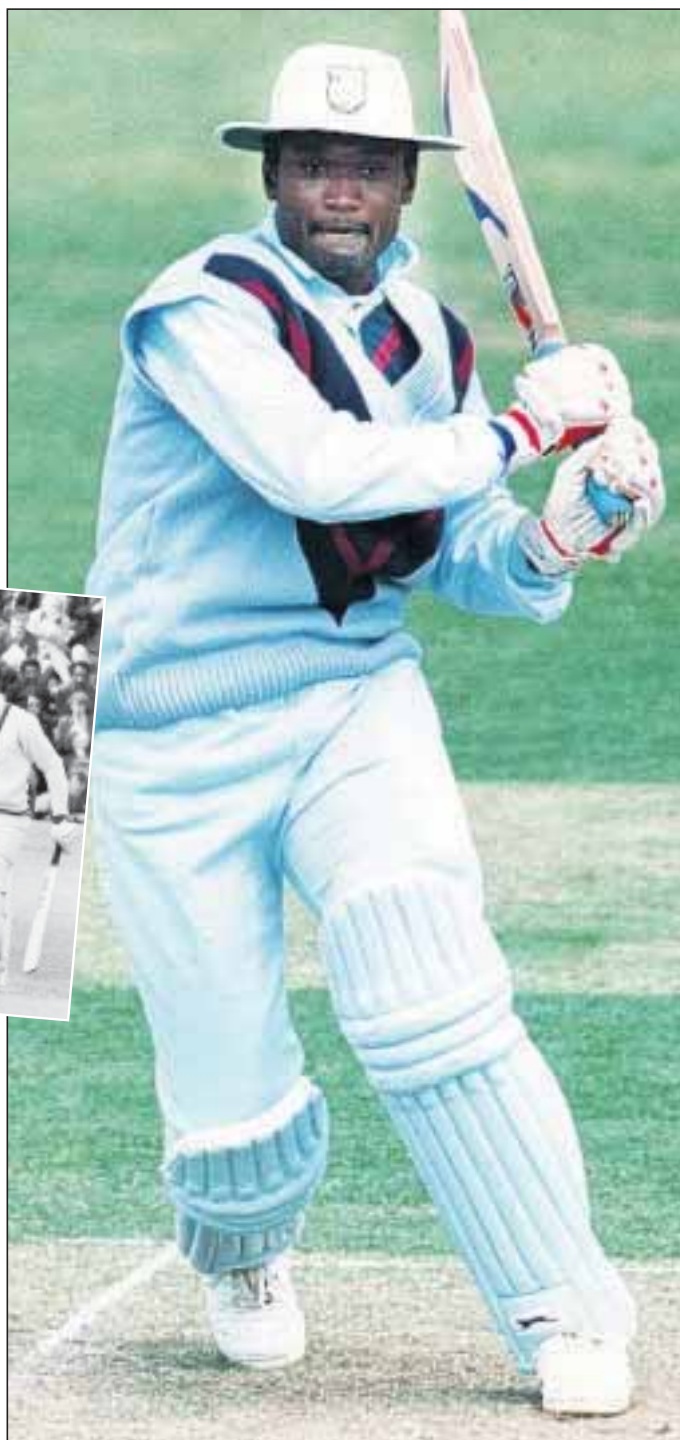
CG Greenidge c RA Smith b Cowley	103
PV Simmons c James b Cowley	55
RB Richardson c Parks b Connor	8
CL Hooper c RA Smith b Connor	56
IVA Richards c James b Jefferies	13
AL Logie not out	21
RA Harper not out	6
Extras	17
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	279
Fall: 1-116, 2-157, 3-183, 4-227, 5-253	
Bowling: Jefferies 10-0-44-1, Connor 10-2-67-2, James 10-1-51-0, Andrew 10-0-46-0, Cowley 10-0-61-2	

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CENTURIONS: Viv Richards, left, struck a big hundred for the West Indies in Southampton in 1996, but Carl Hooper, right, was twice close to a double century at the same ground. Below – Richards pictured during his knock of 176.



Hampshire innings
RJ Scott c Harper b Walsh12
CL Smith lbw b Walsh18
RA Smith run out37
DR Turner c and b Walsh47
MCJ Nicholas c Richards b Simmons9
KD James c Richardson b Hooper16
RJ Parks not out13
ST Jefferies not out10
Extras24
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs) 186
Fall: 1-41, 2-48, 3-115, 4-139, 5-146, 6-164
Bowling: Marshall 8-0-20-0; Patterson 8-0-30-0; Harper 10-0-41-0; Walsh 9-1-30-3; Simmons 8-0-32-1; Richards 4-0-20-0; Hooper 3-1-9-1
West Indians won by 93 runs

HAMPSHIRE cricket fans got their first sight of Brian Lara when the tourists visited Northlands Road three

years later.

He smacked 75 in a drawn encounter, where the highlight was Carl Hooper being dismissed four short of his double century.

Hampshire v West Indians, 1991

Hampshire first innings
VP Terry c Anthony b Patterson12
TC Middleton c Richardson b Walsh20
MCJ Nicholas c Simmons b Hooper37
RA Smith retired hurt62
DI Gower b Hooper10
KD James not out11
AN Aymes c Hooper b Walsh5
RJ Maru c Haynes b Ambrose23
SD Udal c Hooper b Ambrose0
CA Connor c Dujon b Ambrose0
KJ Shine c sub b Ambrose12
Extras10
Total (all out, 78 overs)202

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-42, 3-144, 4-151, 5-158, 6-186, 7-186, 8-190, 9-202 (78 ov)
Bowling: Ambrose 19-7-70-4, Patterson 7-2-19-1, Walsh 18-7-41-2, Anthony 10-2-30-0, Hooper 24-10-36-2

West Indians first innings
PV Simmons c Nicholas b Shine0
DL Haynes b Connor44
RB Richardson c Aymes b James33
BC Lara b Udal75
CL Hooper c Maru b Udal196
PJL Dujon c Aymes b Connor68
IVA Richards not out15
Extras18
Total (6 wickets, declared, 104 overs) .449
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-67, 3-102, 4-212, 5-396, 6-449 (104 ov)
Bowling: Shine 27-4-104-1, Connor 28-2-100-2, James 19-2-77-1, Udal 22-3-117-2, Maru 8-2-43-0
Match drawn

Hampshire second innings

TC Middleton not out76
VP Terry c Dujon b Ambrose2
MCJ Nicholas not out59
Extras (7 lb, 4 nb, 4 w)15
Total (1 wicket, 57 overs)152
Fall of wickets: 1-9
Bowling: Ambrose 12-5-22-1, Walsh 13-3-22-0, Anthony 14-1-57-0, Hooper 12-1-28-0, Richards 4-1-13-0, Simmons 2-0-3-0
Match drawn

IT was a case of deja vu for Carl Hooper when the Windies next arrived in Southampton in 1995.

Four years after hitting 196 at Northlands Road, he was out for 195 as the tourists declared just short of the 700 mark.

Faced with a first innings

deficit of 502, Hampshire claimed the draw on 302-5 with Paul Terry – who nine years earlier had seen his arm broken playing for England against the Windies – hitting 60.

Hampshire v West Indians, Southampton, August 1995
Hampshire first innings
VP Terry b Gibson4
JS Laney c Murray b Cummins8
JP Stephenson c Browne b Simmons35
TC Middleton c Murray b Cummins10
M Keech c Browne b Cummins2
KD James c Chandepaul b Cummins3
AN Aymes c Arthurton b Cummins12
MJ Thurstfield c Richardson b Dhanraj30
HH Streak c Browne b Gibson4
CA Connor not out24
RR Dibden c Gibson b Dhanraj0
Extras60
Total (all out, 61.3 overs)192
Fall: 1-4, 2-16, 3-55, 4-61, 5-67, 6-117, 7-117, 8-142, 9-192, 10-192 (61.3 ov)
Bowling: Gibson 15-6-48-2; Cummins 17-3-60-5; Simmons 15-5-30-1; Hooper 12-2-34-0; Dhanraj 2-3-2-0-2

West Indians first innings
PV Simmons c Keech b Thurstfield10
SL Campbell c Laney b Thurstfield172
KLT Arthurton c Aymes b Connor59
CL Hooper c Aymes b James195
S Chandepaul c Keech b Thurstfield18
RB Richardson c Connor b Keech83
CO Browne not out74
JR Murray not out44
Extras41
Total (6 wickets, declared, 130 overs) .696
Fall: 1-45, 2-209, 3-296, 4-374, 5-532, 6-625
Bowling: Streak 18-4-53-0; Connor 18-0-116-1; Thurstfield 26-2-108-3; James 26-1-137-1; Dibden 12-0-95-0; Stephenson 20-0-107-0; Keech 10-0-55-1

Hampshire second innings
VP Terry c Browne b Dhanraj60
JS Laney c Chandepaul b Cummins29
JP Stephenson c Browne b Dhanraj49
TC Middleton c sub b Dhanraj31
M Keech c Richardson b Arthurton41
KD James not out28
AN Aymes not out37
Extras27
Total (5 wickets, 96 overs)302
Fall: 1-61, 2-153, 3-154, 4-228, 5-230
Bowling: Gibson 9-0-43-0; Cummins 10-0-49-1; Simmons 11-0-55-0; Hooper 24-3-72-0; Dhanraj 28-8-68-3; Arthurton 10-6-11-1; Chandepaul 4-3-3-0

CURRENT West Indies star Chris Gayle made his first appearance in Southampton in a 50-over game for the touring West Indians 12 years ago.

He top scored with 47 as the tourists won by six wickets.

Dimi Mascarenhas, batting at No 3, had top scored for the hosts with 52

Hampshire v West Indians, Southampton, 2000 (50-over game)
Hampshire innings
GW White c Jacobs b Walsh6
JP Stephenson run out14
AD Mascarenhas c Jacobs b Ambrose52
RA Smith c Adams b Walsh30
WS Kendall c Adams b Walsh18
JS Laney b Adams10
SK Warne c Gayle b Collymore13
SD Udal c Hinds b Adams1
AN Aymes not out10
AD Mullally c Jacobs b Collymore4
SRG Francis b Ambrose7
Extras24
Total (all out, 49.1 overs)189
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-65, 3-92, 4-134, 5-143, 6-149, 7-159, 8-165, 9-173, 10-189
Bowling: Ambrose 9-1-6-11-2, Walsh 10-2-36-3, Collymore 10-0-41-2, Hinds 2-0-21-0, Nagarmootoo 10-1-41-0, Adams 8-0-34-2

West Indians innings
SL Campbell b Mascarenhas7
AFG Griffith lbw b Warne26
WW Hinds c Warne b Udal36
CH Gayle c Mascarenhas b Mullally47
JC Adams c Udal b Mascarenhas32
RR Sarwan b Mascarenhas16
RD Jacobs not out7
MV Nagarmootoo not out5
Extras14
Total (6 wickets)190
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-71, 3-83, 4-149, 5-177, 6-180
Bowling: Francis 9-2-0-42-0, Mascarenhas 10-1-49-3, Mullally 10-2-31-1, Udal 10-2-34-1, Warne 10-0-27-1
West Indies won by 4 wickets

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He also took a hat-trick against Kent at Northlands Road in one of his last appearances for the county.

But his most consistent season for Hampshire was in 1970, when he claimed 55 wickets at 23.3.

Holder also took 46 wickets in 40 one-day games for the county.

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LARRY WORRELL (1969-72)

A Barbadian off-spinner, he took 65 wickets at 32.5 in three seasons with Hampshire.

Now 68, he is a cousin of the legendary Frank Worrell, one of the West Indies' fabled three Ws alongside Everton Weekes and Clyde Walcott. Also played for Dorset.



GORDON GREENIDGE (1970-87)

Another Barbadian opening batsman synonymous with Hampshire Cricket. Brought up in Reading, he made his Hampshire debut as a teenager.

As well as scoring 7,558 runs at 44 in 108 Tests, he formed one half of a legendary Hampshire opening partnership with Barry Richards during the 1970s.

He still holds several of Hampshire's one-day batting records.

He scored 19,840 first-class runs for Hampshire in 275 matches at 45.4 plus 9,840 limited-overs runs at 38.4.

Those tallies include no fewer than 68 centuries in all cricket.

Now on the West Indies selection committee.

ANDY ROBERTS (1973-78)

Another great West Indian fast bowler to have played for Hampshire, he took 244 wickets in 58 first-class matches for the county at just 16.7 apiece.

The first Antiguan to play Test cricket (Viv Richards and Curtly Ambrose have been among those to follow), he was part of the awesome West Indies quartet of fast bowlers that also included Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner and Michael Holding. Known for his terrifying range of bouncers, he claimed 202 Test wickets at 25.6 apiece.



ELVIS REIFER (1984)

Having been signed by Hampshire, despite no first-class experience, he took 8-108 on debut against Cambridge University. But he was not retained after finishing the 1984 season with 49 wickets at 35.9 apiece. Died, aged 50, at home in Bridgetown, Barbados last August.

CARDIGAN CONNOR (1984-96)

A Hampshire legend from Anguilla, 'Cardy' took 614 first-class wickets at 31.7 apiece for the county. A key member of the side that won three one-day finals at Lord's in 1988, 1991 and 1992, he also played a key role in Hampshire winning the 1986 Sunday League.



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Hampshire Caribbean cricketers

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LINDEN JOSEPH (1990)

The fast bowler from Guyana was only 21 when he played for Hampshire in 1990, but it was not a successful stint. His seven first-class wickets in six matches cost 66 apiece.

MARTIN JEAN-JACQUES (1993-94)

The Dominican ended his career at Northlands Rd before playing club cricket with current Hampshire star Michael Carberry, another player of Caribbean descent.

Took only nine wickets in seven first-class matches for Hampshire but still holds the record tenth-wicket partnership at Derbyshire (132 with Alan Hill), where he began his career in England, taking 115 first-class wickets.

NORMAN COWANS (1994)

After emigrating to London with his family aged 11, the Jamaican fast bowler qualified to play for England, for whom he starred at the MCG with a match-winning 6-77 during the 1982-83 Ashes series.



Won three County Championships and four one-day titles with Middlesex before ending his career with Hampshire.

WINSTON BENJAMIN (1994-96)

Bowling all-rounder from Antigua who played 21 Tests and 85 one-day internationals.

Now a schools coach back in Antigua, he played nine first-class games for Hampshire in 1994 before returning to finish his career in a brief stint at Northlands Road two years later.

He took 30 first-class wickets for the county at 26 and made 371 runs at 21.8.

Also hit a one-day century against Northants in one of his last games for the county, taking 24 limited-overs wickets at 25.6.

NIXON McLEAN (1998-99)

Took 108 first-class wickets at 28.3 for Hampshire and 51 one-day scalps at 27.9. The fast bowler from the Windward Islands played the first four of his 19 Tests a few months before his Hampshire debut, against England. He took 44 Test wickets at 42.6 apiece and finished his 45-match ODI career at the 2003 World Cup.

DAREN POWELL (2007)

Signed by Shane Warne during the Australian's last season as Hampshire captain to boost the county's Championship new-ball firepower.

Although he took 15 Championship wickets at 22.9, his time with the county is remembered for a wayward spell at Lord's (10-0-80-2) that was a big factor in Hampshire's defeat to Durham in the 2007 Friends Provident Trophy final.

KP highlights a worrying trend

WORRYING TREND: Kevin Pietersen has turned his back on ODI cricket.

A GENERATION of cricketers appear to regard 50-over competition as the poor relation of their sport at international level.

Former Hampshire star Kevin Pietersen has, of course, ditched the World Cup format and is insistent it is a decision he will not regret, writes **DAVID CLOUGH**.

His absence is England's loss, if not his.

But Pietersen's shock retirement is merely the headline event in a trend of disaffection which must be worrying world cricket.

Graeme Swann, for example among England's first-choice players in all formats, rarely misses a chance to voice his personal opinion that Twenty20 – and definitely not one-day international cricket – should be the future for limited-overs schedules.

The shame is that, in terms of batsmanship at least and in many other tactical facets, 50 overs-per-side provide perhaps the most exacting test of talent and mettle.

Test cricket is rightly the pinnacle, as the International Cricket Council are constantly at pains to stress, while Twenty20 provides a showcase for big-hitting and a reason for ingenious innovation.

But only in ODIs are batsmen required to both build an innings, unlike Twenty20, and find scoring options throughout, unlike in Test cricket where long periods of dormancy on the scoreboard can be tolerated.

As coach Andy Flower began to plan limited-overs campaigns without Pietersen, he was called to account too on the England and Wales Cricket Board contract clause which meant not even his team's most gifted batsman could be allowed to pick and choose his formats.

"The reasons behind that policy are

an integral part of the goals set that the ECB want the international team to achieve," said Flower.

"They want them to win a 50-over cup competition for the first time."

England have failed 10 times so far, since 1975, to win the World Cup, though they were losing finalists in 1979, 1987 and 1992.

They will next summer have a high-profile opportunity to demonstrate their credentials for the next tournament in 2015, when they host the Champions Trophy.

None of that is lost on Flower, but he knows too that the future well-being of 50-over cricket is no parochial issue.

"There's the ICC Champions Trophy – that's a clear goal of the ECB," he said.

"There is also the status of ODI cricket, not only in this country but over the world, to take into consideration – and when making these policy decisions you have to consider the precedent you make."

"If that policy encourages five or six other top-class international players to retire from international one-day cricket, if you are encouraging players to do that, I think you are degrading the status of ODI cricket in this country and the world."

Well said, Andy.

The ICC's much-criticised schedule, surely containing too many ODIs, stokes the fires for the format's detractors – and the world governing body's constant tinkering with nuanced playing conditions suggests, for all their public protestations, they lack confidence in the product.

It will be deeply regrettable therefore if the Pietersen/Swann premise gathers more ground.

There is no reason why the 50-over format should be routinely portrayed as a dispensable chore of international cricket.

That is what has been happening for some time, though – and Pietersen's retirement may just have brought forward pension day for a true test of skill which deserves much more respect.



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Same nation, but two different series

SHORTER TOUR: West Indies captain Darren Sammy has far less games to worry about in 2012 than Clive Lloyd did back in 1976.

NOTHING illustrates how the international cricketing landscape has changed than a look at two West Indies tours of England.

The once mighty Caribbean nation are at The Ageas Bowl this weekend, playing the first of three ODIs against England.

That followed a three-Test series and is succeeded by a single t20 international.

The only other games on their tour were a three-day warm-up game against Sussex, a two-day match against Leicestershire, a first class game against England Lions and a one-day encounter against Middlesex.

Contrast that with the itinerary Clive Lloyd's legendary squad were faced with when they arrived in England in April 1976.

Not only did they have to play

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five Tests and three ODIs, but their packed programme included a three-day game against EVERY single one of the then 17 first class counties.

Now that was what I call a tour!

Of course, the Windies were the only nation touring England in the summer after Saints won the FA Cup. There was no space for anyone else, and the governing body would never have even contemplated any other country touring as well.

Now, they are only the warm-up act for the main course of 2012 – the eagerly-awaited clash between the two top Test-playing countries, England and Sri Lanka.

The Windies have known

worse. Back in 2009, they were only awarded a two-match Test series in England ahead of that summer's main offering, a five-Test Ashes series.

For those of us who grew up with the all-conquering Windies sides of the late 70s and 80s, it is sad to see that nation reduced to such a bit-part of England's international schedule.

Having said that, the West Indies national side are a very pale shadow of the sides that contained the likes of Hampshire trio Gordon Greenidge, Malcolm Marshall and Andy Roberts, plus iconic superstars such as Viv Richards, Lloyd, Michael Holding and Curtly Ambrose.

The Windies did not lose a single Test series between going down 1-0 in New Zealand in 1979/80 and losing 2-1 in Australia 15 years later.

That incredible run comprised

29 Test series, and they won 20 of them and drew nine.

The Windies played 112 Tests in those 29 series, and only lost 15 times, winning 59 of them.

It was an extraordinary record, but only as good as their recent run has been dreadful.

Starting with the 2003/04 tour of South Africa, the West Indies have played 28 Test series up to an including the one that ended with a rain-affected draw at Edgbaston earlier this week.

Of those 28, they have won just three – and two of those were against Bangladesh – and lost 20.

Of their last 83 Tests, the Windies have lost 47 of them – winning just six.

The memories of their 5-0 'blackwash' victories over England in 1984 and 1986, let alone their 3-0 win in 1976, are fading with every passing defeat the Caribbean nation suffers.

Bell should be fit after injury scare

HE scored his only one-day international century in Hampshire, but Ian Bell's love affair with The Ageas Bowl does not extend to the indoor school, writes **SIMON WALTER**.

Bell also made The Ageas Bowl's first Test century against Sri Lanka last year, but his face was a bloody mess as he prepared for his latest England outing on the south coast.

The England star is expected to be passed fit to open the batting with Alastair Cook today, despite suffering an injury scare yesterday morning, when he top edged a throw-down on to his chin.

England captain Cook said: "We were having throw-downs indoors because it was raining and Belly top edged a pull, he's got a bit of a gash in his chin but hopefully he'll be ok."

"It's a concern, he didn't look in a good way when he walked off and there was quite a lot of blood."

"But anyone who's been hit on the chin knows it can bleed a lot. He's had some stitches and has gone for an X-ray, we have to play it by ear."

"That's why we have a squad, we're just waiting to see what we'll do if Belly's ruled out."

Bell scored a magnificent 126 not out, his only century in 108 ODI matches,



PAIN GAME: Ian Bell sports a bloody chin yesterday.

when England beat India here in 2007.

The signs are that he will be fit to play and pushed back up the order alongside Cook following Kevin Pietersen's shock retirement earlier this month.

"Kevin will be missed but it's time to move on," said Cook. "It's an opportunity for someone else and we've changed [the opening combination] a couple of times over the last couple of years."

Cook is more interested in the effect of the International Cricket Council's latest rule change. Last September, the ICC decided that two new balls should be used, from either end, by the fielding side.

The West Indies side will feature the likes of Kieron Pollard and Marlon Samuels as well as Chris Gayle, but Cook bristles at the suggestion the tourists have more firepower.

"We've got a powerful middle order ourselves - Eoin Morgan, Craig Kieswetter and Tim Bresnan can all hit the ball a long way," he said.

"They might not be the big names of the opposition but it's about us winning games of cricket and we've won the last five one-day series in England."

England (from): Cook (capt), Anderson, Bairstow, Bell, Bopara, Bresnan, Broad, Dernbach, Finn, Kieswetter, Morgan, Patel, Swann, Trott
West Indies (from): Sammy (capt), Bravo, Best, Bravo, Charles, Edwards, Gayle, Narine, Pollard, Ramdin (wkt), Rampaul, Russell, Samuels, Simmons, Smith.



THE Ageas Bowl's East Stand was officially named after Hampshire legend Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie in the eve of today's one-day international between England



and the West Indies.
Former Hampshire captain Ingleby-Mackenzie led the county to the 1961 County Championship title and his family

were at The Ageas Bowl yesterday for an Eve-of-ODI lunch to celebrate the unveiling. The West Stand will be named after Shane Warne today.

England v West Indies, ODI, Ageas Bowl



PAINFUL BLOW: Keiron Pollard is felled by a Dominic Cork delivery in the t20 final at The Ageas Bowl.

Pollard back at the scene of his t20 pain

THE man who could have prevented Hampshire winning the t20 Cup returns to The Ageas Bowl this weekend for the first time since his painful experience of August 2010, writes **SIMON CARTER**.

Chris Gayle might be the most high profile addition to the West Indies ODI squad from the Test one that lost to England, but he is by no means the only one-day specialist returning to the fold.

The Windies have welcomed back Keiron Pollard and Dwayne Smith to their one-day squad for the three-match series against England which was getting underway in Hampshire on Saturday.

Pollard's last visit to the West End venue was for the 2010 English t20 Finals Day.

Helping Somerset through to the final, he came up against host county Hampshire.

He had smacked an unbeaten 22 off just seven balls when he was hit in the face by a delivery from Dominic Cork.

Potential match-winner Pollard had to retire hurt, and not only was he unable to continue his innings but he couldn't bowl either.

A few more overs of Pollard batting fire-works could have taken the match away from Hampshire.

We will never know, but what we do know is his ability to smack the ball with Gayle-like ability.

Like Gayle, he has spent the last few years becoming known as a t20 specialist, available for hire by any club that can afford him in any country.

Pollard's t20 record is certainly enviable, even if his wins to losses final ratio isn't.

He was a losing t20 finalist in 2009, playing for Trinidad & Tobago against Simon Katich's New South Wales.

That was the prelude to reaching three different t20 finals in 2010, losing all three.

Not only was he on the losing side for Somerset, he also suffered final defeat in the Australian Big Bash (playing for South Australia and despite

lashing 44 off 33 balls against South Australia) and the IPL (where he smote 27 off 10 balls for Mumbai against Chennai).

Remarkably, he lost his fifth successive t20 final in August 2011, when Somerset were beaten in the final for the third year running, this time by Leicestershire.

Pollard ended his run of final losses this year when his unbeaten 39 off 13 balls – including four sixes – helped Trinidad beat Jamaica in the West Indies domestic final.

These are just a few of Pollard's career t20 highlights:

- On his debut for Somerset in a t20 game against Middlesex at Lord's in 2010, Pollard smote 89 off just 56 balls – seven fours and seven sixes – as well as taking 3-26.

- In September 2010, playing in the Champions League for Mumbai v Guyana, he smashed nine sixes in a 30-ball unbeaten 72.

- In April 2010, he produced a man of the match display for Mumbai against Kevin Pietersen's Royal Challengers Bangalore in the semi-final, taking 3-17 off four overs and blazing 33 not out off 13 balls with three sixes and a four.

- This April he starred again in the IPL for Mumbai against Rajasthan, hitting 64 off 33 balls and taking 4-44.

- In February he had smashed an unbeaten 50 off 34 balls playing for Dhaka Gladiators against Chittagong in the inaugural Bangladesh Premier League.

He is not just a t20 specialist, though. Playing for the West Indies against Ireland in a 50-over World Cup tie in 2011, Pollard struck 94 off 55 balls, while in March of this year he smashed 102 off 70 balls batting at No 6 to help the Windies beat Australia in a 50-over international at Gros Islet.

Smith is also capable of producing a whirlwind innings.

Hampshire fans might remember his 27-ball 72 scored while playing for Sussex in a t20 game in 2008.

Gr-eight expectations

CHRIS Gayle has scored eight t20 hundreds in his career.

And seven of them have come since April 2011!

This is the West Indies master blaster's sensational t20 hundred record

Sept 11, 2007

Gayle blitzed 117 off just 57 balls – his century came off 50 deliveries – for West Indies against South Africa in Johannesburg.

He cracked 10 sixes and seven fours as the Windies rattled up 205-8 off their 20 overs – but still lost by eight wickets!

April 22, 2011

Gayle's unbeaten 102 came off 55 balls and contained 10 fours and seven sixes as his Indian Premier League side Royal Challengers Bangalore defeated Kolkata.

May 6, 2011

Gayle struck 107 off 49 balls with 10 fours and nine sixes as Royal Challengers Bangalore defeated Kings XI Punjab in the Indian Premier League.

Nov 29, 2011

Gayle's 109 off 59 balls helped Matabeleland Tuskers beat Mid West Rhinos in the Zimbabwean Stanbic Bank t20 series. He hammered eight sixes and seven fours in his ton.

Dec 23, 2011

Gayle blasted an undefeated 100 off 54 balls with 11 sixes and only three fours to help Sydney Thunder to a KFC Australian Big Bash win against Adelaide in Sydney.

Feb 10, 2012

Gayle blitzed an unbeaten 101 off 44 balls with 10 sixes and seven fours to help Barisal Burners to a 10-wicket win against Sylhet Royals in the Bangladesh Premier League.

Feb 14, 2012

Four days later Gayle blasted another Bangladesh Premier League century, this time 116 in a losing cause against Dhaka Gladiators with six fours and 11 sixes.

May 17, 2012

Gayle blitzed his highest ever t20 score when he lashed an unbeaten 128 for Royal Challengers Bangalore against Delhi Daredevils.

His first 50 took him 37 balls, and his second just 16.

In all, he smashed 13 sixes and seven fours in a 62-ball assault on the Delhi attack.



BRUISED: Kieron Pollard's injuries that prevented him from bowling in the 2010 t20 final.



owl, June 16 +++ England v West Indies, ODI, Ageas Bowl ...

Biggest box office star in the cricket world set for Ageas Bowl appearance

HE is arguably the biggest box office name in world cricket.

He is undisputedly one of the most ferocious big-hitters the game has ever seen.

And Chris Gayle is back in West Indies colours at Hampshire's Ageas Bowl this weekend.

The former captain will end a 14-month international exile when he turns out in the first ODI of the English summer.

The 32-year-old opener, whose public spat with the West Indies Cricket Board resulted in him being ineligible for nearly a year, was this month included in a 15-man squad for the three-match 50-over series and the one-off t20 international at Trent Bridge.

The West Indies have boasted some great, big-hitting batsmen down the years – notably Viv Richards, Brian Lara and Hampshire legend Gordon Greenidge.

But Gayle, the Jamaican left-hander, is up there with the best when it comes to exciting the crowds.

He is the most prolific West Indian century-maker in ODI history, with 19 hundreds in 228 matches since his debut in 1999.

Yes, he has scored more hundreds than Richards, Lara or Greenidge did.

That is why his absence from the international scene has been such a blow to the Windies, who need all

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the good players they can muster. Gayle last played a Test match in December 2010, when he was out first ball against Sri Lanka.

The previous month he had blasted his second Test triple century, 333 against the same opponents.

That beat the 317 he scored against South Africa in April 2005 in Antigua.

Gayle is one of only four batsmen in history to score two triple centuries in Test cricket – alongside Lara, Don Bradman and Virender Sehwag.

Since December 2010, Gayle has played 70 competitive games of cricket.

Only one has been a first class match.

That was for Jamaica against the Windward Islands in the West Indies' regional four-day tournament in February of this year.

If he was rusty having not played first class cricket for so long, Gayle certainly didn't show it – belting 14 sixes in a second innings 165!

Gayle's last match for West Indies was in early March 2011, a quarter-final defeat to Pakistan in the 50-over World Cup.

He was critical of the board in a radio interview the following

month after being strangely omitted from the subsequent one-day series at home against Pakistan.

Those comments, many hostile to the current coach Ottis Gibson, led to his lengthy spell out of the team.

Gayle instead played lucrative t20 tournaments in India, Zimbabwe, Australia and Bangladesh.

Instead of playing for his country, he turned out for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Indian Premier League, Matabeleland Tuskers in the Zimbabwe League, Sydney Thunder in the rebranded Aussie Big Bash, and Barisal Burners in the inaugural Bangladesh Premier League.

His growing reputation as a hired gun will see him turn out in the first ever Sri Lankan t20 League which starts next month.

Hampshire's Shahid Afridi is also due to play in the event, along with Australian David Warner and South African Herschelle Gibbs.

How the West Indies have missed Gayle's batting.

Though renowned for his big hitting exploits – Gayle has eight t20 hundreds to his name, three more than anyone else in history – he is a proven Test match player.

You don't score two triple centuries without being a very good first class batsman.

He has 13 Test tons to his name, including a double century – 204

against New Zealand in the summer of 2002.

In December 2009 he won two successive MoM awards against Australia in the Test series – for his 165 not out at Adelaide and then for his 102 off 72 balls in the next Test in Perth.

In 2007 he had smote 197 against New Zealand, while his first Test hundred was 175 against Zimbabwe in 2001.

When Gayle scored Test tons, he went on to make them big ones.

There is, as you can see, so much more to him than just someone who can smash the ball very hard and very far in t20 games.

Gayle does that better than anyone else, as his astonishing record of 281 sixes in his 105 t20 innings shows.

He also has 75 Test sixes to his name from 159 innings.

Viv Richards hit 84, but then the legendary former Somerset batsman did play 23 more innings.

Gayle's record is better than Greenidge's, though, as the ex-Hampshire man hit 67 sixes in 185 Test innings.

Lara leads the way for West Indies with 88 sixes, but he had 73 more innings than Gayle.

In all, the Windies likely top seven have hit 418 ODI sixes, to the 104 their England counterparts have mustered to date.

"They can all clear the bound-

ary," said Windies coach Gibson.

"But Gayle is the best one-day batsman in the world and most destructive.

"My money will always be on him when it comes to hitting the biggest sixes."

Recalled England batsman Ravi Bopara chose not to mix it with Gayle in this year's IPL, having turned down – not for the first time – that tempting opportunity in favour of pressing his England claims at home.

He acknowledges the Windies opener's ability to make a mockery of the best bowlers, but senses a wet summer so far in England may not play to Gayle's strengths.

"He is a danger man," Bopara said. "Whether he's as dangerous in these conditions, we'll have to find out – wait and see."

Gibson knows that England might rue the loss of Kevin Pietersen, just as they have missed Gayle's presence over the last year.

"If you look at when Gayle has been away, we missed our best player," Gibson said. "It is a big thing to lose your best player."

"KP has been good in the last two one-day series. They were trialling him at the top of the order, and it seemed it was going to work."

"It is going to be interesting, but I have been around the English system long enough to know there are a lot of good cricketers around."

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Juan has a point to prove

JUAN THERON is determined to send out a message to the South Africa selectors when he competes in Hampshire's t20 South Group.

The 26-year-old has been signed by the Royals' south coast rivals Sussex, though fans have been forced to wait for his debut as both the county's first two games against Kent and Hampshire were washed out this week.

Theron has played 13 times for his country in both limited overs cricket but was left out of their squad for the triangular T20 series against Zimbabwe and Bangladesh in Harare later next week.

He is still hopeful of breaking back into the national set-up for the limited-overs games against England later this summer – including one at The Ageas Bowl in September – and knows some big performances for Sussex will do his chances no harm.

Theron said: "I played in the last (T20) game against India (in March) and against New Zealand (in February) so I'm still part of it."

"I see playing for Sussex as an opportunity to do well over here and make an impression back home at the same time."

"We've got the England tour this summer and I would love to stay on for that and then there is the World Twenty20 in Sri Lanka in September, so there is a lot to play for."

Theron faces plenty of competition with South Africa boasting an embarrassment of riches in the seam bowling department with the likes of Morne Morkel, Vernon Philander and Dale Steyn.

The former Brighton and Hove paceman believes his ability to bowl at the death could be his trump card if he is to be selected for the five ODIs and three T20s against England.

Theron added: "We have a lot of bowlers who can bowl 85mph and swing it away and that is a good position to be in, so if you have something that sets you apart you need to embrace it."

"What makes me different is I like bowling at the death."

"I don't think a lot of people want to be bowling at those sort of times these days because batters are getting better and better and bats are getting better, but I enjoy it."

"That is something I have embraced and said 'okay, if I am going to be a death bowler then I am going to be the best death bowler there is'."

"If I keep improving my skills hopefully that will take me to further things."



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MAC: WE'LL JUST

THE last time South Africa toured England, Neil McKenzie did very well indeed.

Only McKenzie's opening partner Graeme Smith, the man of the series, and AB De Villiers scored more runs than his 339 at 48.4 as South Africa won 2-1 on these shores four years ago.

McKenzie, who is back with Hampshire for a third season – albeit as a t20 specialist at this stage – began that series with a memorable 138 as South Africa drew the first Test at Lord's.

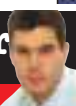
A week later he and Smith knocked off the winning runs at Headingley as the tourists clinched the second Test by ten wickets against an England side for whom Darren Pattinson was controversially included ahead of Chris Tremlett.

Then he top scored with a first-innings 72 to set up a series-deciding five-wicket Edgbaston win.

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It was one of the high points of McKenzie's career, but much has happened since then.

That series began with Michael Vaughan as England's captain and saw Kevin Pietersen begin his ill-fated spell in charge.

Within seven months, Pietersen's reign as England captain was over – and so was McKenzie's 58-Test career.

But Pietersen is one of five England survivors from that series, along with Andrew Strauss, Alastair Cook, Ian Bell and Jimmy Anderson.

South Africa have named an unchanged squad from their last series, a 1-0 win over three matches in New Zealand in March.

Seven of the 15-man party played in England last time around; Graeme Smith, Hashim Amla, Mark Boucher, AB De Villiers, Jacques Kallis, Morne Morkel and Dale Steyn.

Having played with and against the rest of the Proteas squad for the Highveld Lions, there is no-one better to pass judgement on the latest battle for the Basil D'Oliviera Trophy than McKenzie, who also played in the 2003 series.

"Both sides are very similar and closely matched," said McKenzie.

"It's going to be a really good series, but I'd like it to be over five matches and not three given that it's going to be so competitive and that it's the last chance people will get to see a lot of these guys playing Tests in England."

"There are a few 30-plus year-olds in the South Africa squad, like Boucher, approaching their last series."

"But I don't want to say Kallis won't play when he's 40/41 because he might just play as a batter and



NEIL MCKENZIE

not bowl!"

The 2008 series was over four matches while the sides drew the 2003 five-match contest 2-2.

England won 2-1 over five matches in South Africa in 2004-05 but have not beaten the Proteas on home soil since Mike Atherton's heroics against Allan Donald in 1998.

"I'd like to say SA 1-0 but it's going to be really tight," McKenzie said. "It depends on the wickets."

"If it stays [wet] like the seamers are going to dominate but the Test wickets are very different to county wickets."

"Once you get in it's really good batting and then the spinners come

in later in the summer."

"The fight between [Imran] Tahir and [Graeme] Swann will be an interesting battle."

One of the newcomers to South Africa's Test side in the last six months has been Vernon Philander, whose seam-up has yielded an astonishing 51 wickets at 14.15 apiece in his first seven matches.

"There's not too much pick between the two sets of seamers but Philander brings something different to the party, especially in English conditions," McKenzie continued.

"England have so many bowlers, eight or nine seamers who could

SAME AGAIN, PLEASE: Imran Tahir celebrates Hampshire's FP Trophy win at Lord's in 2009. Now he aims to clinch a Test series win at headquarters.

play Test cricket whereas we've only got four or five.

"So the depth is with England, South Africa can't afford too many injuries, but the quality is with both sides."

The battle between new-ball stars Anderson and Steyn will be significant.

Who does McKenzie rate higher? "I would have to say Steyn is the best but it's marginal as Anderson is in the top five in the world and I'm biased," laughs McKenzie.

"They're both really high quality bowlers."

"Anderson has serious skills but Steyn has a bit more gas and can hurt you a bit more."

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BEAT ENGLAND ...!

McKenzie made up for slow beginning

NEIL McKenzie played 58 Tests for South Africa, making his debut in 2000 and playing his last Test in March 2009.

His start was inauspicious, scoring 11 and 25 in his debut Test against Sri Lanka before making 0 and 1 in his second outing and 0 and 17 in his third.

South Africa's selectors were rewarded for keeping faith with McKenzie, though, and the batsman made 120 in his fifth Test against New Zealand in Port Elizabeth in November 2000.

The following January he compiled 103 against Sri Lanka at Centurion.

Surprisingly, he then had to wait seven years before he next scored a Test hundred.

That was a Test best 226 against Bangladesh at Chittagong in February 2008.

The following month he struck 94 and 155 not out in a Test against India in Chennai.

McKenzie's fifth and last Test century came at Lord's

in July 2009 when he scored 138 at headquarters.

His Test career ended having scored 3,253 runs at an average of 37.39.

He also once scored 99 against Australia before being run out.

McKenzie also played 64 ODIs for his country, the first 59 of them coming between 2000 and 2003 before his recall in January 2009.

He scored two hundreds in 55 innings – an unbeaten 120 against Sri Lanka in 2000 and an undefeated 131 against Kenya in October 2001.

Neil McKenzie played when South Africa won their only Test series in England since the re-introduction to Test cricket in the early 1990s.

That came in 2008 when Graeme Smith's won men 2-1.

Two of their previous three tours of England were drawn – 1-1 in 1994 and 2-2 in 2003 – while England won 2-1 in 1998.



FLASHBACK: Neil McKenzie hits out during his century at Lord's in 2008.

"The last time Morne Morkel was here he gave scoring opportunities but now he's got a little more control over those long levers and bowls really good spells.

"England have very similar bowlers to Morkel in Tremlett and Broad, while Bresnan is very much a Philander type."

Like Philander, former Hampshire star Imran Tahir made his Test debut against Australia in Cape Town in November, having completed the qualifying process.

Philander and Tahir have played in seven of South Africa's last eight Tests. While Tahir's 18 wickets have come at a respectable 37.05, it is Philander who has made the

headlines.

But McKenzie believes his former Hampshire teammate can make a name for himself in late summer.

"Philander's had it his own way in the last six months but there's always been something in the wicket for him," McKenzie said.

"Immy's a wicket-taker who's had a containing, holding role. But he's got a lot better at it.

"His economy rates have come down and he's bowling more consistently.

"He used to mix it up with top spinners, offies and googlies.

"That's very skilful but it does lend itself to runs being scored. Now they've got Immy working on

his stock delivery, his economy rate has come down.

"He's just got to keep it tight. Hopefully he'll get on a wicket that spins and turns and he'll have that freedom because he can knock over anybody."

The first Test will be played at The Oval from July 19, the second at Headingley from August 2 while the potential decider will be contested at Lord's in a month's time.

South Africa: Graeme Smith (captain), Hashim Amla, Mark Boucher, Marchant de Lange, AB de Villiers, JP Duminy, Imran Tahir, Jacques Kallis, Morne Morkel, Alviro Petersen, Robin Peterson, Vernon Philander, Jacques Rudolph, Dale Steyn, Lonwabo Tsotsobe.



ENGLAND'S PHILANDER: Tim Bresnan.

CRICKET fixtures

TODAY

NatWest One Day International Series
Ageas Bowl: England v West Indies (10.45am).
Fourth One Day International
Colombo: Sri Lanka v Pakistan.

TOMORROW

International Twenty20 Series
Harare: Zimbabwe v Bangladesh.

Friends Life t20

Emirates Durham: Durham v Nottinghamshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex.
New Road: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire.
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire.
Headingley: Yorkshire v Leicestershire.
Beckenham: Kent v Surrey.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.

Monday, June 18

One-day international series
Fifth One Day International
Colombo: Sri Lanka v Pakistan.

Friends Life t20

Ageas Bowl: Hampshire v Middlesex (7pm).
Derby: Derbyshire v Yorkshire.

Tuesday, June 19

NatWest One Day International Series
Kia Oval: England v West Indies.
International Twenty20 Series
Harare: South Africa v Bangladesh.

Friends Life t20

Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire.

Wednesday, June 20

International Twenty20 Series
Harare: Zimbabwe v South Africa.

Friends Life t20

Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire.
Kia Oval: Surrey v Hampshire (5.40pm).
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Worcestershire.
Derby: Derbyshire v Durham.
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent.

Thursday, June 21

Tour Match
Grace Road: Leicestershire v Australia.
International Twenty20 Series
Harare: Zimbabwe v Bangladesh.

Friends Life t20

Lord's: Middlesex v Essex, Lord's.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset.

Friday, June 22

First Test Match
Galle: Sri Lanka v Pakistan, Galle.
NatWest One Day International Series
Headingley: England v West Indies.
International Twenty20 Series
Harare: South Africa v Bangladesh.

Friends Life t20

Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.
Grace Road: Leicestershire v Derbyshire.
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan.
New Road: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.
Emirates Durham: Durham v Yorkshire.
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey.
Ageas Bowl: Hampshire v Kent (7pm).
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire.
Hove: Sussex v Middlesex.

Saturday, June 23

First One Day International
Belfast: Ireland v Australia.

Friends Life t20

Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire.
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.

Sunday, June 24

NatWest International Twenty20 Match
Trent Bridge: England v West Indies.

Friends Life t20

Hove: Sussex v Essex.
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire (3pm).

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ROYALS

fixtures 2012

APRIL

12-15 Gloucestershire, home, LVCC – Gloucs 314 (D Balcombe 8-71) & 174 (D Balcombe 3-48, H Riazuddin 3-51), Hampshire 199 (S Katich 74) & 256 (M Bates 87, C Wood 65).

Hampshire lost by 33 runs.

19-22 Glamorgan, SWALEC, LVCC –

Glamorgan 103-9 dec (D Balcombe 5-33) & 256 (H Riazuddin 5-61), Hampshire 156 (L Dawson 32) & 204-8 (S Ervine 75, J Vince 28).

Hampshire won by 2 wickets.

26-29 Leicestershire, h, LVCC –

Leics 234 (L Dawson 5-29), Hampshire 217-4 (M Carberry 84no, S Katich 54, S Ervine 41no).

Drawn

MAY

2-5 Northants, Northampton, LVCC

Northants 218 (C Wood 4-52) & 232-9 (C Wood 3-58, D Balcombe 3-70), Hampshire 154 (J Vince 46no) & 179 (M Carberry 61).

Hampshire lost by 117 runs.

7 Glamorgan, h, CB40

Glamorgan 173-7 (K Ali 3-44), Hampshire 151-2 (J Vince 83, M Carberry 60).

Hampshire won on DL Method.

9-12 Derbyshire, h, LVCC

Hampshire 352-8 dec (J Adams 122, B Shafayat 93), Derbyshire 403-9 dec (K Ali 3-60, J Tomlinson 3-101).

Drawn

16-19 Yorkshire, Headingley, LVCC

Hampshire 427 (S Katich 196, M Bates 103, S Ervine 44) & 191-2 dec (S Katich 61no, M Carberry 61no, J Adams 49), Yorkshire 399-9 dec (L Dawson 3-61).

Drawn

20 Scotland, Uddingston, CB40

Hampshire 220 (M Carberry 76), Scotland 131 (K Ali 2-17, D Briggs 2-31).

Hampshire won by 89 runs.

23-26 Glamorgan, h, LVCC

Hampshire 316 (S Ervine 109, J Adams 42, M Bates 41) & 273 (J Adams 72, J Vince 48), Glamorgan 327 (D Balcombe 4-91) & 231 (K Ali 3-42, J Tomlinson 3-45).

Hampshire won by 31 runs.

27 Somerset, Taunton, CB40

Somerset 212-9, Hampshire 216-1 (M Carberry 103no, J Adams 56, J Vince 44no).

Hampshire won by 9 wickets.

31 Nottinghamshire (F), h, CB40

Notts 277-4, Hampshire 265 (S Ervine 68, M Carberry 54, J Adams 51, D Mascarenhas 48).

Hampshire lost by 12 runs.

JUNE

3 Surrey, KIA Oval, CB40

Surrey 76-1, match abandoned.

4 Scotland, h, CB40

Scotland 230-9 (D Briggs 3-35), Hampshire 234-4 (M Carberry 148no).

Hampshire won by 6 wickets.

6-9 Kent, Tunbridge Wells, LVCC

Hampshire 303-8 (L Dawson 134no, S Katich 54), Kent 220-6.

Match drawn

14 Sussex, Hove, FLT20

Abandoned, no result

15 Kent, Canterbury, FLT20

19 Middlesex (F), h, FLT20

20 Surrey (F), KIA Oval, FLT20

22 Kent (F), h, FLT20

27 Middlesex, Richmond, FLT20

29 Essex (F), Chelmsford, FLT20

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Hampshire have been fantastic in giving me a chance to play over here and there are a few things I would like to achieve in England

Kat 'one of the most respected' Aussie stars

SIMON Katich has been handed a host of tributes after announcing his retirement from first class cricket in his native Australia this week.

The 36-year-old called time on his domestic career with New South Wales, though he left the door open to extend his time at Hampshire after the 2012 season ends.

"Simon's contribution to NSW cricket was quite simply outstanding," said Cricket NSW chairman Harry Harinath.

"In his 10 years with our state he brought a passion, dedication and commitment that was admired by

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everybody.

"Not only was he a superb batsman, with a state and international record to rival the best, but he was a brilliant leader who was respected by all that played with him."

Katich's fierce determination won respect from team-mates and foes alike.

Few in Australian cricket were held in higher regard and Australian Cricket Association president Paul Marsh said he

would be missed.

"One of the most respected players in the country," Marsh described the man currently in his fourth spell with Hampshire.

Harshly treated

Katich's former Australian Test colleague Justin Langer said: "He has been a great servant of Australian cricket and a bloke who was treated most harshly in selection."

Former NSW colleague Brett Lee declared Katich a "great teammate" whose presence would be missed.

New South Wales colleague Ben

Rohrer said Katich was "a great bloke, great team man, tough as they come. Congrats on a great career."

Former NSW colleague Ed Cowan said: "Domestic cricket is worse off (Katich is) remembered as a man who loved playing the game and played it in the right spirit."

NSW player Pat Cummins commented on Katich: "He was an absolute pleasure and privilege to play with."

Katich admitted he had thought about retiring from first class cricket last year after controversially being dumped by Australia.

"I had to think long and hard after I was cut last year and there were

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Five great moments of Katich's Aussie career

Test debut, August 2001

Katich becomes the 384th man to play Test cricket for Australia when he makes his debut against England at Headingley. Replacing injured skipper Steve Waugh, his first innings was a brief one, scoring 15 before shouldering arms to Darren Gough and losing his off-stump. The match was the first of 56 Tests, where he scored 4,188 runs at 45.03.

Maiden Test century, January 5, 2004

Katich's first hundred came nearly three years after his debut and could not have come in more daunting circumstances.

His 125 off 166 balls helped Australia to 474 after India posted a mammoth 7-705 dec.

The match will be remembered as Steve Waugh's last, where he and Katich put on 142 for the fifth wicket chasing an improbable 443.

Waugh was eventually out for 80 as Katich remained 77 not out, safely guiding Australia to a draw and a 1-1 series result.

Maiden ODI hundred, February 14, 2006

Not noted for his fast-scoring, Katich proved his position when he and Adam Gilchrist posted an opening stand of 196 to deliver Australia a nine-wicket win in the third final of the VB Series against Sri Lanka. While some considered Katich too slow, others believed he was the perfect foil for the attacking genius of Gilchrist.

His only ODI century, in 42 innings, of 107 came off 142 balls, chasing down the total of 267 unbeaten with 27 balls to spare.



CENTURY STAR: Katich salutes his ton against New Zealand in 2005.

Run Machine – Pura Cup 2007/08

On the back of losing his Cricket Australia contract, Katich plundered more runs than any other man in Pura Cup/Sheffield Shield history.

He set a new record of 1,506 runs at a Bradmanesque average of 94.12.

The two highlights of his remarkable season were the 306 he belted against Queensland – the first man since Bradman to hit a triple-ton at the SCG – and scoring 86 and 92 in

the final to see New South Wales take home the Pura Cup for the 45th time.

This is Katich's full Pura Cup record for 2007/08

v Western Australia – 50
v Queensland – 306
v South Australia – 117 & 63no
v Tasmania – 51
v Victoria – 141 & 10
v Queensland – 86 & 54
v Western Australia – 189
v Victoria – 71 & 21
v Tasmania – 129 & 40
v South Australia – 0
v Victoria (final) – 86 & 92

Champion of Champions, October 2009

From an early age Katich was touted as a future Australia captain, and while he never got to display his leadership in the Baggy Green, his talents were well and truly utilised by NSW.

Katich took a team which included nine players with international experience to the inaugural Champions League T20 title in India, dropping only one game and winning the final against Trinidad & Tobago comfortably.

A man-of-the-match display from long-time friend Brett Lee proved the difference between the sides as NSW won by 41 runs.

Lee blasted 48 off 31 balls, with five sixes, before taking 2-10 off two overs in Hyderabad.

There were two other former Hampshire players in the NSW team – Phil Hughes and Stuart Clark.

Katich's improvisation and creativity – including opening the bowling with spinners – were heralded by his peers, again winning the vote of confidence as the next Australian skipper.

Only age would see him not fulfill that dream.

ROYALS fixtures 2012

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SEPTEMBER

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LVCC (LV County Championship division two), CB40 (Clydesdale Bank40), FLt20 (Friends Life t20), F (floodlit)

QUOTES of the week

"If we said 'we're going to give you a rest because it's too much to play two games in four days' some of them would have us up against the wall" - **England boss Roy Hodgson**

confronts the thorny issue of 'resting' key players in a tournament.

"It's panic stations now. I've just got no chance to be ready for Wimbledon. It's going to be impossible, I think" - **British number one Andy Murray comes over all sarcastic after his early exit from Queen's.**

"I have been looking at DVDs now for more than 30 years" - **the technologically advanced Republic of Ireland manager Giovanni Trapattoni.**

"Will Genia was a thorn in our side around the breakdown and we have to get our hands on him more than we did last week.

The forwards have all had a picture of Genia put next to their beds so they will know who to look out for next time" - **Wales forwards coach Robin McBryde identifies one of the danger men in the Australia side.**

times when I had to think about whether I would play on last year," he said.

"I felt after getting through the (2011/12 Australian domestic) season the time was right.

"There are plenty of young guys coming through.

"I have had my time and really enjoyed it and I am grateful for all the opportunities I have had throughout my career."

Katich feels he owes something to Hampshire and says he may consider playing another season.

"They have been fantastic in giving me a chance to play over here and there are a few things I would like to achieve in England in terms

of being part of a winning team.

"And they are keen to do that with a young developing team and they want my experience around."

Regarding his decision to quit the Australian first class scene, Katich declared: "I am leaving happy.

Very lucky

"I always look back to when I first started and I was just hoping to play first-class cricket.

"So to have ended up playing for 16 years or whatever is something I consider myself very lucky to have done.

"I look back with a lot of positivity and I was lucky enough to see

both eras of Australian cricket – the golden era of the legends playing when I first toured in 1999 and then to play a part with the team trying to rebuild in the past three years.

"And I feel fortunate to have played with some great people and make friends out of it

"I've thoroughly enjoyed spending time with my son and it gets harder and harder to be away.

"There wasn't much left for me to achieve playing on, having played in winning Sheffield Shield and one-day teams for NSW."

The debate over whether Katich should still be part of his country's Test team rages on Down Under.

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Local Cricket Spotlight

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE: New boys so quick to impress in County Division 1

NEWLY promoted St Cross Symondians have made the perfect start to life in Hampshire League County Division 1.

Maximum points from four wins and third place in the log was beyond Tom Postle's wildest dreams when this rain-dogged season eventually began a fortnight late, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

And let's not forget – we're talking about St Cross Symondians' THIRD XI, average age 21!

In 2009, they were a County 3 outfit. A year later, they were promoted as runners-up to Ventnor II; last season, they earned their promotion ticket into County 1.

St Cross have achieved their success this summer in some style: each match they have chased down targets and won with maximum-point hauls.

Ironically, the bad weather which wiped out the opening two weeks of the County Division 1 enabled St Cross Symondians to 'avoid' playing Locks Heath and Waterlooville, two of the fancied sides.

But, having overhauled a Rowledge II total of 153 to win by six wickets, St Cross rose to the challenge and bettered a formidable 295-5 posted by Bashley (Rydal) II – Grant Edgar scoring a century.

Chris Rose hit the triple-figure mark in the following week's six-wicket win over Lymington II, who scored 271-7.

Win number four came against Alton II – St Cross making things unnecessarily difficult for themselves before recording another four-wicket win.

"Alton only made 157 – and 66 of them were extras we gave them," groaned Postle.

Standing behind the stumps, Postle appreciated only too well the profligate nature of his side's bowling.

"We bowled 55 wides – effectively giving Alton a stack more overs. It's certainly a loose area we need to concentrate on," he added.

St Cross Symondians again chased down the target, but not without a few scares.

They lost two early wickets but recovered and were going well when Bashley hero Grant Elliott holed out.

In the end, it was 17-year old Steven Berryman, who was the St Cross match winner.

The Peter Symonds College student, whose father Malcolm was a prolific run scorer in his Liphook & Ripsley days, has been a key middle-order man this summer.

He hit a quick-fire 44 in the Bashley win, struck 60 against Lymington, and won the Alton game with an unbeaten 50.

"Like a lot of us, Steven's come up through the colts and is having a real impact this season," praised Postle.

"He had to handle a tricky situation against Alton, who bowled pretty tidily, particularly Tom Paul. So he had to pick the bad ball and through his concentration he won us the game."

St Cross Symondians go into today's seventh round of fixtures marginally behind Waterlooville and Portsmouth & Southsea at the top.

But they'll be confident of a fifth straight win, as opponents Andover II are anchored to the CD1 basement after losing all four games.

The Ville remained on top with a close-run four-wicket win at Hook & Newnham Basics, who lost early wickets after being put in.

John Hudson (3-46) and Sam Hillman (2-13) did the damage before Ben Allnutt (48) and Graham Buckingham (28) repaired the damage and put 160 on the board.

In complete contrast, Waterlooville began with a 105-run opening stand between Alex Shephard (58) and John Grewer (55), their lanky South African opener, from Durban.

"But we fought back well with the ball, with Alex Cates, Keith Lovelock and Colin Lye all hard to get away and bowling very effectively," skipper Ben Allnutt said.



ST CROSS CLICK INTO TOP GEAR

ST CROSS SYMONDIANS III: Back row (from left): Kevin Neave, Rob Nevin, Matt Burrows, Steven Berryman, Josh Merluk, Alex Fidge. Front: Bryan Lipscombe, Matt Haworth, Grant Edgar, Brad Aldridge, Tom Postle.

HOW THEY STAND – COUNTY 1

	P	W	L	Pts	Ave
Waterlooville	3	3	0	69	23.00
Portsmouth & S'sea	3	3	0	67	22.33
St Cross Syms III	4	4	0	88	22.00
Ryde	3	3	0	65	21.67
+ Purbrook	3	2	0	59	19.67
Portchester	4	3	1	75	18.75
Bashley (Rydal) II	4	3	1	74	18.50
Rowledge II	3	2	1	51	17.00
Hook & N Basics II	4	2	2	62	15.50
Locks Heath	4	2	2	60	15.00
Midhurst	4	2	2	58	14.50
Fareham & Crofton	4	1	3	46	11.50
Lymington II	4	1	3	46	11.50
+ Idlers	3	0	2	26	8.67
Alton II	3	0	3	17	5.67
Ellingham	4	0	4	22	5.50
Bedhampton	3	0	3	13	4.33
Andover II	4	0	4	14	3.50

But Hook didn't have enough runs to defend and the Ville crept over the line with four balls to spare.

Portsmouth & Southsea (v Idlers) and Ryde (at Purbrook) were both sidelined by saturated pitches – but Portchester played and put another dent in Locks Heath's prospects for the season.

Australian Jamie Ryan led the way as Portchester piled up 259-8 before bowling Locks Heath out for 177.

In typical Aussie style, Ryan is particularly destructive on anything pitched short and hit

four sixes (besides a good number of fours) in his 101. He shared a 99-run second-wicket stand with Curtis Locke (53), which laid the platform for Portchester's 259.

Mike Boyd (58) always looked capable of breaking loose for Locks Heath, but a two-wicket spell by 15-year old Harry Robbins, which included the scalp of the still promising Scott Jones (37), tilted the balance.

The real catalysts were Blake Barnwell (5-29) and wicketkeeper Josh Young, who snared four catches.

But Ryan's arrival has given Portchester a real lift – as skipper Paul Hungerford is keen to point out.

"Having an effective overseas player at the club makes all the difference. Jamie has come in and shown that his is a quality all-rounder and has gelled well on and off the field.

"He's a typical hard-hitting, aggressive Aussie batsman, who likes to play his shots," Hungerford said.

Ironically, Ryan had been lined up to play as Fareham & Crofton's overseas player on the opposite side of the Creek from Portchester's Cams Hill ground.

He played at the same Rockingham Mandurah Grade club, south of Perth, with Fareham skipper Luke Gould in the 2010/11 winter season Down Under.

But Fareham decided to retain the services of fellow Western Australian Brent Jarvis-Spinks, who scored 633 runs for the Bath Lane club in Premier 3 cricket last summer.

It left Ryan free to play league cricket for Portchester and some Sunday friendlies for Fareham – when it doesn't rain!

Coming to Hampshire also had other advan-

tages for Jamie Ryan, who will be able to watch Premiership soccer at St Mary's Stadium before he flies home in September.

The 20-year-old was at the end-of-season Reading match within hours of arriving from WA – and can't wait to taste more of the special Saints atmosphere in August!

Jarvis-Spinks made his mark, scoring 80 for Fareham & Crofton against Lymington at Bath lane – but it didn't save his side from a third defeat in four.

Lymington II scored their first CD1 win, with Cantel schoolteacher Joel Sutherland (75) and Simon Naylor (55) helping them post 242-8 against Fareham, who reduced them to 28-3 early on, with Bob Marchant (4-55) effective with the new ball.

Jarvis-Spinks hit 80 but, apart from big hitting Chris Davey (40) lacked much support as Fareham slipped to 191 all out.

"We let them off the hook by dropping three vital catches," growled captain Gould.

Bashley (Rydal) II, who nailed neighbours Lymington in their opening match, recovered from 32-3 to make 226-9 against winless Andover II at London Road.

John Childs (60), Callum Mayer (38) and Simon Dean came to the rescue after Bashley had dropped to 85-4 at drinks.

Andover didn't bat terribly responsibly and were skittled for 90, James Rapson taking three wickets, and Dean and Neil Taylor two each.

Ellingham, one of four clubs still seeking a victory, lost by 37 runs at Midhurst, where Tom Atkins (90) came close to a century for the second consecutive week.

His 90 underpinned a Midhurst total of 264-7. Matt Vail (58), Stuart Layton (50) and John Edwards (53) made half-centuries as Ellingham slipped to 227-5 in reply.

Their scheduled home match with Fareham & Crofton at Picket Post today could be a very important one for Ellingham in the 175th anniversary year.

TURN TO PAGES 28-29 FOR MORE LOCAL CRICKET

Local Cricket Spotlight

Owen's a chart topper

OWEN Alsop's all-round performances have helped South Wilts to an unbeaten start in the ECB Southern Electric Premier League.

The Wiltshire Minor Counties teenage prospect, below, heads the Premier Division bowling charts with 16 wickets, and is currently the sixth leading run scorer.

Charlie Esson leads the Premier Division run-scoring charts, with Tom Morton narrowly out in front in the wicket-keeping stakes.



Former Hampshire cricketer Derek Kenway is already odds-on favourite to retain the Division 2 batting prize, but three bowlers are tied with 11 wickets each in SPL2.

Division 3 batsmen are still playing catch-up behind Dave Taylor, whose unbeaten 330 for Totton & Eling II keeps the former Alton left-hander at the top of the charts.

Spinners Ed Berry and Oli Green share 11 wickets with Fair Oak's Joe Lovett in Division 3.

LEADING PERFORMERS:

ECB Premier Division

Batting: Charlie Esson (St Cross Symondians) 203, Oli Green (Academy) 185, James Hayward (South Wilts) 172, Ian Hillsom (Ventnor) 170, Adam Hose (Ventnor) 170, Owen Alsop (South Wilts) 168, David Taylor (Totton & Eling) 158, Glenn Maxwell (South Wilts) 150.

Bowling: Owen Alsop (South Wilts) 16, Matt Perry-Lewis (St Cross Symondians) 15, Glenn Maxwell (South Wilts) 14, Jez Ord (Havant) 12, Tom Barber (Academy) 12, Richard Logan (St Cross Symondians) 12, James Hibberd (South Wilts) 11, Kevin Nash (Bashley Rydal) 11, Darron Augustus (Totton & Eling) 11.

Wicketkeeping: Tom Morton (South Wilts) 9, Jez Bullied (Havant) 8, Lewis McManus (Academy) 8, Ed Ellis (Lymington) 7.

Catches: Pete Hopson (Havant) 5, Charlie Esson (St Cross Symondians) 4, Rob Gibson (Academy) 4.

Division 2

Batting: Derek Kenway (Burridge) 290, Tristen McDonald (Rowledge) 191, Alex Styles (Burridge) 180, Ryan Beck (New Milton) 178, Jonty Hadfield (Andover) 174, Peter Hammond (Sarisbury Athletic) 161, Nick Willcock (Hook & Newnham Basics) 156, Stewart Magee (Paultons) 152, Rob Atkins (Hambledon) 150, Ricky Rawlins (Sarisbury Athletic) 150.

Bowling: Luke Graham (Andover) 11, Ben Thane (Hook & Newnham Basics) 11, Shay Brewer (Hook & Newnham Basics) 11, Paul Ancell (Burridge) 10, Dan Goldstraw (Sarisbury Athletic) 10, Mike Adams (Andover) 10, Danny Foy (Andover) 10.

Wicketkeeping: Ross Hunter (Hook & Newnham Basics) 7, Nick Scutt (Burridge) 7, Jamie Rood (Burridge) 6.

Catches: Indy Chakrabarti (Hambledon) 5, Tony Richman (Paultons) 5, Scott Dawes (Paultons) 5.

Division 3

Batting: Dave Taylor (Totton & Eling) 330, Peter Woodland (Liphook & Ripsley) 254, Tom Allam (Tichborne Park) 225, Andy Galliers (Havant II) 223, Ali Cheyne (Langley Manor) 213, Richard Partington (Gosport Borough) 206, Damian Carson (US) 204.

Bowling: Ed Berry (Tichborne Park) 13, Oli Green (Hursley Park) 13, Joe Lovett (Fair Oak) 13, Alan Crawford (Liphook & Ripsley) 12, Nick Wheeler (Hursley Park) 12.

Wicketkeeping: Nigel le Bas (Trojans) 9, Darren Vann (Calmore Sports) 7, Tom Arnold (Totton & Eling II) 7, Chris Martin (Liphook & Ripsley) 7.

Catches: Ed Primmer (Tichborne Park) 10, Dave Cox (US) 6.

Lymo ace gets Zimbabwe call-up

LYMINGTON look set to lose Zimbabwean Test all-rounder Craig Ervine for the remainder of the Southern Electric Premier League season.

Ervine, the younger brother of Hampshire's Sean Ervine, received an unexpected call-up when he was named in a 24-man squad for five Twenty20 matches against Bangladesh and South Africa, starting in Harare tomorrow sun.

The series of friendlies, which take place at the Harare Sports Club, are being used by the three nations as preparation for the World T20 in Sri Lanka in September.

Ervine, who joined Lymington as their overseas player this season,

could also be in line to feature in a triangular one-day series against South Africa and Sri Lanka next month.

The 26-year-old all-rounder has returned to Lymington win two of their opening three Premier Division games.

Lymington captain Darren Cowley said: "I have spoken to Craig and he wants to come back to play for us next year. He said he felt as though he had let us down, which is absolute nonsense because it is an honour to be called up by your country."

"He was under the impression he would be with us for the season."

"He spoke to the Zimbabwe coach before he came and asked whether it

would be worth coming over and was told to have a season in England playing with us and Hampshire second."

Ervine flew back to Zimbabwe last week and missed Lymington's defeat by Bashley on Saturday and their 19-run win over Hartley Wintney in the Southern Electric Twenty20 Cup the following day.

Lymington set up a quarter-final with Bashley after Damian Shirazi (34) and Glyn Treagus (28) put them on course for 138 for eight, a total Guy Layman (5-13) ensured Hartley Wintney would not pass.

ON THE ATTACK: Craig Ervine, centre, in action for Lymington.

Picture courtesy of Trevor Phillips



MORRIS MEN LEAD FOREST RIVALS A MERRY DANCE

DEVASTATING SPELL:

Andy Neal took 5-35 for Bashley against Lymington.

Picture courtesy of Terry Nash



SKIPPER Richard Morris toasted the old and the new after Bashley (Rydal) had reclaimed the New Forest bragging rights with an emphatic six-wicket win over ECB Southern Electric Premier League neighbours Lymington at the Sports Ground.

Stalwart seamers Andy Neal and Kevin Nash rattled through Lymington's formidable batting line-up before teenage new recruit Ryan Higgins polished off their local rivals with the bat, **writes NEIL PERRETT.**

Neal (5-38) and Nash (3-25) set about Lymington from the off, the pair accounting for Glyn Treagus and former Banstead and Wimbledon cricketer Ali Jaffer with just five runs on the board.

Although Damian Shirazi (27) and Darren Cowley (26) both made starts and Simon Beetham (30) chipped in down the order, Lymington were castled for a paltry 118.

Higgins (56), the 17-year old Bradfield College spin all-rounder who is on the Middlesex Academy staff, shared 50 for the second wicket with Luke Webb and 39 for the third with Morris as Bashley eased to 120-4.

Morris said: "We played pretty well and it was the first time we had strung together a good

bowling and a good batting performance.

"It was an important toss to win but it was more good bowling than anything else. They put the ball in the right areas time after time and we got our just rewards."

"You can win the toss as many times as you like but, if your bowlers don't put it in the right place, it can be a waste of time. We had the rough end of a toss against Havant the previous week so it evens itself out."

"Our two experienced bowlers did a great job and Ryan and Luke had a really good partnership after we had lost Neil Thurgood early on. They applied themselves really well in testing conditions and we have got high hopes for them."

Victory in the first of the time pennant matches helped Bashley (Rydal) erase the memory of suffering defeat twice at the hands of Lymington last season.

Morris added: "I have been here for five or six years and, from spending time with some of the older guys at the club, you realise how important the derby is to those people and they were made up with how we played. Lymington have got quite a strong batting line-up so we were pleased to win."

Ironically, Bashley (Rydal) and Lymington will lock horns again next Sunday (June 24) in the quarter-finals of the Southern Electric t20 Cup.

Banks brings up 200 with a duck

WITH 200 appearance under his belt, David Banks is probably the longest serving Southern Electric Premier League cricketer.

A past Totton & Eling captain, Banks, pictured right, brought up his milestone in Sarisbury Athletic's tied Division 2 visit to Hook & Newnham Basics last weekend.

He hoped he would do it in style – but it didn't quite work out like that.

"A duck, no wickets and a dropped catch. I've had better games," Banks laughed.

The match ended all square courtesy of a run-out off the last ball of the Hook & Newnham innings, when the Basingstoke club needed one to win.



HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE ROUND-UP APPEARS IN WEDNESDAY'S DAILY ECHO

Local Cricket Spotlight

B&NH ADDITION A BOOST FOR SEPL

COMMENT

THE application by Basingstoke & North Hants to join the restructured Southern Electric Premier League next season goes before the clubs at an EGM at The Ageas Bowl on Wednesday evening.

Basingstoke plan to move their first and second teams across from the Thames Valley League and take up berths in the SPL's reshaped third and fourth divisions.

The Premier League agreed last winter to operate with four divisions, each of ten teams, in 2013 with the existing Division 3 being split.

It will mean the numerical strength of the SPL being increased by two to 40 teams – and Basingstoke are looking to take up the two new slots.

If a proposal being put to Wednesday's EGM is accepted by the clubs, Basingstoke's first team would take up the tenth spot in the new Division 3, with the May's Bounty second string doing likewise in the newly formed Division 4.

Thames Valley League Division 1 is the equivalent of Premier 3 on the ladder and TVL Division 2A, in which Basingstoke seconds play, would be the same level as the newly created SPL4.

Both teams would simply shift leagues on their existing rung.

Basingstoke are keen to have all



TOP VENUE: May's Bounty, the home of Basingstoke & North Hants.

their five Saturday league teams playing in the Hampshire recreational pyramid – and the Premier League's restructure gives them that opportunity.

Although not the force they once were in the Home Counties pyramid, Basingstoke would be a tremendous asset to the Premier League.

A club with tradition and of proven

ability, their presence would certainly add a competitive edge to the SPL.

Basingstoke's historic headquarters at May's Bounty, one of the nicest venues in the county, is Gold accredited and so is the club's youth set-up. The Castle Field at the back of the pavilion – normally a batsman's paradise – would probably get a 'bronze' tick in the scheme of things!

The Premier League reports that it has "received no meaningful or other credible applications" for 2013.

Only a handful of existing Hampshire League County Division 1 clubs have the necessary accreditation to be considered for elevation into the Premier pyramid.

Several Dorset clubs are understood to have 'enquired' about join-

ing, but again ground accreditation considerations would be an issue, particularly with the future of Dean Park for cricket so uncertain beyond 2014 when Bournemouth University pull out.

Travelling west for Premier League cricket too can be an arduous experience: how often are the M3 and west-bound M27 routes clogged on a Saturday?

Geographically, Basingstoke are well suited with clubs, in the main, going against the traffic flow.

Teams in the Southampton and Winchester areas would normally be able to reach May's Bounty in about 30 minutes.

SPL clubs should give Basingstoke the nod on Wednesday evening, but one sticking point could be the starting point for their second team.

Some clubs think they should be placed in the Hampshire League – but it is believed that is not an option the HL will consider.

The newly created fourth division would probably have three 2nd XIs in anyway – only Havant and Totton & Eling IIs are currently in the top half of SPL3 – so Basingstoke IIs would soon find their level.

All in all, the Southern Electric Premier League has a unique opportunity to enhance the Hampshire recreational pyramid at the highest level.

Such an opportunity should not be missed at the Ageas Bowl on Wednesday evening.

MIKE VIMPANY

New boys get to grips with SEPL3

IT TOOK Langley Manor a little while to find their feet, but 300-plus scores in the past two weeks suggest that the newly promoted side have begun to settle into their new Southern Electric Premier

LANGLEY MANOR: Standing (from left): Mary Jerram, Naz Ayub, Craig Renders, Jamie Brown, Josh Harvey, Jack Wateridge, Denovan Ekstraal. Seated: Rob Noble, Graham Noble, Conor Browne, Ali Cheyne, Stevie Harris.

League Division 3 environs.

Promoted from the Hampshire League when County Division 1 runners-up Locks Heath failed the SPL's 'accreditation test' at the end of last season, the Manor suffered badly from waterlogged pitches that ruled out a single ball being bowled in either of their opening Division 3 matches against Easton & Martyr Worthy and South Wilts II.

They had precious little middle practice at all before they eventually got started and it was probably no surprise that few batsmen got any runs on the board as Langley Manor lost to Fawley and Havant II.

But things have turned around in the past two weeks, with the Manor racking up 306-5 against Bournemouth II and then 311-4 when St Cross Symondians II came visiting last weekend.

Ali Cheyne has been leading the way, with 106 against Bournemouth and a century 'near miss' with 92 off St Cross Symondians.

Graham Noble, Steve Harris and Craig Renders have all hit 50s to help Langley Manor into a comfortable mid-table mid-June slot.

The main aim this season is to secure a slot in the newly structured ten-club third division in 2013.



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SPORTS QUIZ

- 1 Who did Harry Redknapp replace as Tottenham manager?
- 2 Which cycling team team Lance Armstrong join upon his return from retirement in 2009?
- 3 Which county did Leicestershire beat in last year's Twenty20 final?
- 4 Who beat Andy Murray in last year's Wimbledon semi-finals?
- 5 Who was the most recent American to win golf's US Open?



- 6 Who was stripped of the 2010 Tour de France title after testing positive for a banned substance?
- 7 With which team did Jenson Button, above, begin his Formula 1 career?
- 8 Which former England bowler is captain of Leicestershire?
- 9 How many times has Tiger Woods won the US Open?
- 10 Which English club has Greece goalkeeper Kostas Chalkias played for?
11. From which club did Stoke sign defender Robert Huth (pictured below)?



12. Which former England Test captain was the 600th player to be capped by the country?
13. How old is defending Olympic women's 400m champion Christine Ohuruogu?
14. Who was the last graduate of the Crewe Alexandra academy to win a full England cap?
15. Former NBA star Magic Johnson is now part of the ownership group of which baseball team?
16. Which English club is new Rangers owner Charles Green the former chief executive of?
17. Which team had its entry on to the Formula One grid accepted in 2009, but never raced due to financial problems?
18. In which year did Lance Armstrong collect the last of his Tour de France titles?
19. Who are the current holders of the European Super Cup?
20. Which two NFL teams call Texas home?
- 21 Which teams were the losing semi-finalists at Euro 2004?
- 22 How many Tour de France titles did Lance Armstrong win?



- 23 Which athlete won the women's 100 metres at the 2008 Olympics?
24. In which town are the Scarlets rugby union side based?
25. Against which side did Kevin Pietersen, pictured left, make his final ODI appearance for England?

Answers:
1 Juan de Ramos; 2 Astana; 3 Somerset; 4 Rafael Nadal; 5 Lucas Glover; 6 Alberto Contador; 7 Williams; 8 Matthew Hoggard; 9 Three; 10 Portsmouth; 11. Middlesbrough; 12. Michael Vaughan; 13. 28; 14. Dean Ashton; 15. The Los Angeles Dodgers; 16. Sheffield United; 17. Team US F1; 19. 2005; Barcelona; 20. The Dallas Cowboys and the Houston; 21 Czech Republic & Holland; 22 Sever; 23 Shelly-Ann Fraser; 24 Llanelli; 25 Pakistan.

WINCHESTER & DISTRICT SNOOKER LEAGUE



CHURCHILLS: Players and club officials celebrate behind the club bar.



MIKE TRIGG: Triton Trophy highest break of 28.



WINCHESTER CLUB B: Caldwell Cup champions and Vase winners.



PAIRS RUNNERS-UP: Mark Parsons, left, and Mitch Wade.



DIVISION 1 MERIT: Joint winners Ben Spiers, left, and Marc Russell.

PRESENTATION EVENING

Words: Tim Dunkley

Pictures: Kevin Legg



CHANDLER'S FORD SC B: Division 1 champions.

LEAGUE IN TRIMM-ENDOUS SHAPE



THE “backbone” of the Winchester City & District Snooker League kept his own reason for celebration a secret as he took to the microphone at the 41st annual presentation evening.

Not one of the trophy winners announced by league secretary and master of ceremonies Owen Trimmer realised his congratulations should have been reciprocated.

Typical of the modest man who beavers away in the background, Trimmer casually revealed to friends during the interval that he had been playing in (and serving) the league for 25 years.

Speaking at the event at Churchills, Eastleigh, league chairman Rob McLean paid tribute to Trimmer.

“He runs everything from top to bottom,” explained McLean.

“He’s got all the answers to everything. If you get a problem, go and see Owen.

“That’s why the league runs as smoothly as it does.

“Others have come and gone. He’s just taken it in his stride and taken on two or three jobs sometimes.

“He’s proved his worth time and time again.”

OWEN TRIMMER: Celebrating his WCDSL Silver Jubilee.

WINCHESTER CITY & DISTRICT SNOOKER LEAGUE ROLL OF HONOUR 2011/12

Premier: Courage Shield, champions: Churchills; runners-up: Chandler's Ford SC A; Mike Henstredge Trophy, most 30+ breaks: Nick Jennings (Churchills) 29; Derek Clark Trophy, highest break: Billy Castle (Churchills) 129; Brian James Cup, most wins: Nick Jennings (Churchills) 26/26.

Division 1: Maurice Jack Trophy, champions: Chandler's Ford SC B; Tony May Trophy, runners-up: Chandler's Ford SC D; Les Proctor Trophy, most 20+ breaks: Marc Russell (C/Ford SC) 3; highest break: Marc Russell (C/Ford SC) 47; Dave Clark Trophy, most wins: Marc Russell & Ben Spiers (C/Ford SC) 14.

Team KO: Bert Lucas Trophy, champions: Churchills; runners-up: Chandler's Ford SC B.

Team Vase: champions: Winchester Club B; runners-up: Bishopstoke WMC.

Ken Caldwell Cup: champions: Winchester Club B; runners-up: Winchester Club A.

Scratch singles: Ray Cannon Trophy, champion: Billy Castle (Churchills); runner-up: Mike Finn (Churchills).

Handicap singles: Tony May Trophy, champion: Billy Castle (Churchills); Dave Crisp Cup, runner-up: Mitch Wade (Eastleigh Railway Institute).

Pairs: Ray Abraham Cup, champions: Mike Finn & Mark McLean (Churchills); runners-up: Mark Parsons & Mitch Wade (Eastleigh Railway Institute).

Competition high break: Tutton Trophy: Nick Jennings (Churchills) 130.

Under-18 Triton Trophy: champion: Alex Everett, 11, (C/Ford SC); runner-up: Bradley Lane, 12, (Copnor SC, Portsmouth); Plate winner: Charlie Gray, 15, (C/Ford SC); Steve Humphries Bowl, high break of 28: Mike Trigg, 16, (C/Ford SC); **Winchester Cup, best newcomer:** Steven Hughes, 10, (C/Ford SC).



CHURCHILLS: Premier champions and cup winners.

SNOOKER WORLD RANKINGS

1. Mark Selby	74925
2. Judd Trump	68975
3. Mark Williams	63560
4. Stephen Maguire	61400
5. John Higgins	61320
6. Shaun Murphy	59685
7. Neil Robertson	59540
8. Stephen Lee	56550
9. Ronnie O'Sullivan	53060
10. Matthew Stevens	52760
11. Ding Junhui	52340
12. Mark Allen	50065
13. Graeme Dott	49445
14. Martin Gould	47290
15. Ricky Walden	46945
16. Stuart Bingham	46600
17. Ali Carter	46220
18. Andrew Higginson	43170
19. Mark Davis	41490
20. Peter Ebdon	40645
21. Stephen Hendry	40035
22. Barry Hawkins	39940
23. Dominic Dale	39855
24. Joe Perry	38670
25. Marcus Campbell	38395
26. Tom Ford	37080
27. Jamie Cope	37080
28. Marco Fu	36825
29. Jamie Jones	34945
30. Ryan Day	34930
31. Mark King	33550
32. Anthony Hamilton	32970
33. Michael Holt	32480
34. Fergal O'Brien	32275
35. Ken Doherty	32145
36. Robert Milkins	31245
37. Liang Wenbo	29990
38. Rory McLeod	29965



NUMBER ONE: Mark Selby.

39. Jamie Burnett	29110
40. Jack Lisowski	28870
41. Xiao Guodong	28455
42. Gerard Greene	28210
43. Ben Woollaston	27775
44. Matthew Selt	27770
45. Nigel Bond	26875
46. Jimmy White	26455
47. Joe Jogia	26405
48. Dave Harold	25955
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84. Robin Hull	10925
85. Lucky Vattani	10830
86. Kacper Filipiak	10130
87. Justin Aspley	5265
88. Jamie O'Neill	4365

● The rankings work as a two-year rolling list. The points for each tournament two years ago will be removed when the corresponding tournament during the current season has finished.

WINCHESTER & DISTRICT SNOOKER LEAGUE PRESENTATION EVENING



BILLY CASTLE: Scratch and handicap singles champion.



CHANDLER'S FORD SC A: Premier runners-up.



NICK JENNINGS: Highest KO break of 130. (Picture by Monique Limbos)



CHARLIE GRAY: Triton Trophy Plate winner.



PAIRS CHAMPIONS: Mark McLean, left, and Mike Finn.



CHANDLER'S FORD SC D: Division 1 runners-up.



STEVEN HUGHES: Triton Trophy best newcomer.



ALEX EVERETT: Triton Trophy champion.

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ROYAL ASCOT 2012 PREVIEW

A - Z of ROYAL ASCOT

A is for Ascot: Aidan O'Brien. The Ballydoyle maestro was leading Ascot trainer 12 months ago and has claimed 35 Royal victories. This year's Coolmore-led battalion looks as strong as ever.

B is for Britannia: First run in 1928, the mile handicap is one of the most keenly-contested races of the meeting.

C is for Choisir: The unknown Australian racehorse sprung a surprise when taking the 2003 King's Stand Stakes at 25-1 before promptly following up four days later in the Golden Jubilee Stakes.

D is for Djelal: The French-trained winner of the 1947 Diadem Stakes was the first horse to travel by plane to race in another country.

E is for East Cote: The original name of the area when Queen Anne saw the potential for racecourse development back in 1711.

F is for Frankel: The greatest horse on the planet bids to stretch his unbeaten record to 11 in the Queen Anne Stakes on Tuesday.

G is for Gold Cup: The two-and-a-half-mile race is arguably the most prestigious contest of the meeting. It was won last year by Fame And Glory.

H is for Sir Henry Cecil: The resurgent Newmarket trainer, with 73 victories, has had more Royal Ascot winners than any other handler.

I is for Ireland: Only four times since 1960 has the Emerald Isle not produced at least one winner at the meeting.

J is for Jubilee: During the Queen's Jubilee in 2002, the Golden Jubilee Stakes was upgraded to Group One status for the first time. It was won by Malhub. This year it will be run as the Diamond Jubilee Stakes, with Aussie wonder mare Black Caviar the centre of attention.

K is for King's Stand Stakes: Created as a result of bad weather in 1860, the five-furlong sprint is now one of the Royal highlights. Prohibit did the business 12 months ago.

L is for Limousines: Approximately 1,000 limos and 400 helicopters descend on Royal Ascot every year, ferrying people to and from the course.

M is for Majesty's Plate: The first race ever held at Ascot, all the way back on August 11, 1711.

N is for Norfolk Stakes: This five-furlong Group Two affair always attracts some smart

FASCINATORS are out and hats are in – that's the official word as a new era of more stringent dress codes dawns at Royal Ascot.

Whether your style is more couture Alexander McQueen or bargain-rail Primark, Royal Ascot epitomises the very essence of elegant dressing to many.

At the complete opposite end of the scale to the outfits on show at Aintree's ladies' day, Ascot, and the Royal Enclosure in particular, has always been the home of classy ensembles.

However, some have felt that the lines have blurred in recent years, with perhaps not quite all racegoers meeting the expected sartorial standards.

After all, there's nowhere quite like Ascot and its Bowler-hatted gatemmen when it comes to tradition.

In a bid to arrest a perceived fashion decline, officials at Ascot have outlined a new set of rules for both the Royal and Grandstand enclosures – with the outlawing of fascinators a particular change for the first-named area.

Headpieces must have a base of at least four inches so brief feathery concoctions are definitely not expected, while dresses and skirts must sit above the knee or longer to gain official approval.

Straps must also be at least one-inch thick which rules out strapless, halter-neck and off-the-shoulder creations, too.

And it is not just the ladies who are expected to don their best, gentleman racegoers in the Royal Enclosure have also been reminded that morning suits – including black shoes, a black or grey top hat, tie and a waistcoat – are de rigueur while cravats are a style no-no.

Some may view the new rules as unnecessary officialdom at best and snobbery at worst, and Ascot scored an own goal in publicity terms at a meeting in January this year when some customers were handed orange stickers for breaching the premier enclosure dress code, introduced that week, stating the need for a jacket and tie. Such was the furore that Ascot were quick to offer refunds, and chief executive Charles Barnett issued a statement in which he said: "No customers should be expected to pay for such an experience."

But Barnett believes most racegoers are eager to see the formal traditions preserved at the showpiece event.

He said: "We have worked extensively with experts in the world of fashion to define better what formal dress means, with the overarching intention of being as helpful as possible to our visitors and assisting everyone in understanding what is expected and, we believe, cherished about the dress

and speedy juveniles and was won last year by the Kevin Ryan-trained Bapak Chintia.

O is for One In A Million:

Winner of the Coronation Stakes in 1979, she produced a daughter in Milligram who won the same race in 1987.

P is for Party: The Silver Ring will be laid out in the style of a 1950s street party, complete with bunting and flags, to celebrate The Diamond Jubilee.

Q is for Queen: The Queen always travels to the races

down the centre of the track in a carriage procession. Her Majesty's Carlton House is this year due to fly in the flag in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, while Momentary competes in the Ribblesdale.

R is for Royal Enclosure:

Almost impossible to get access to, applicants must be recommended to Ascot by other members. Men with badges must wear full morning dress.

S is for Sir Michael Stoute: The Newmarket maestro has saddled 63 Royal winners to date, but was out of luck 12 months ago.



code at Royal Ascot.

"It isn't a question of elitism and not being modern in a world where there is less and less requirement to dress smartly – far from it.

"We want to see modern and stylish dress at Royal Ascot, just within the parameters of formal wear, and the feedback we have received from our customers overwhelmingly supports that."

While the Grandstand enclosure offers a slightly more relaxed policy, gents are now required to wear a suit and tie rather than a 'shirt and tie, preferably with a suit of jacket', while hats, fascinators or headpieces are a must for female racegoers and not the optional extra of previous years.

Ladies in the Grandstand must also match their Royal Enclosure counterparts in their lengths of skirt.

There is no official guidance on strap width but strapless or sheer strap dresses and tops will not be permitted.

Attending Ascot will certainly now require more effort for some this year, but women's fashion bible Vogue believes the occasion merits such endeavour.

Sarah Harris, fashion features editor, Vogue said: "Royal Ascot is one of the most prestigious events of the season and improving the dress code wording will ensure that the event remains iconic and a strong part of the fashion calendar."

However, if you wish to show your Euro 2012 support for England by donning your shirt, or flashing your abs in a crop-top, plugging your business, or dressing as a fairy, you would be best staying at home as all are banned at the Berkshire venue.

T is for Traffic: Potential congestion and parking problems are one of the main headaches for organisers and racegoers alike.

U is for Umbrellas: A prerequisite if this year's desperate summer does not improve quickly.

V is for Vincent O'Brien: The Irish legend secured 25 Royal Ascot victories, starting with Gladness in the 1958 Gold Cup.

W is for Wokingham: The first handicap ever to have been run at Royal Ascot,

back in 1813.

X is for X-rated: That was the finish of the Queen Anne Stakes in 1974, when the stewards took exception to the first three and threw them all out, awarding the race to fourth-placed Brook.

Y is for Yeats: The brilliant stayer from Ballydoyle who claimed a record-breaking four consecutive victories in the Gold Cup.

Z is for Zarathustra: The 1957 Gold Cup winner was the first of 11 in the meeting's feature race for the great Lester Piggott.

QUOTES of the week

"Apparently the one shot towards the France goal over 90 minutes was all it took to ignite the chronic English illusion of world football supremacy. I said before the Euro finals started that Sweden would beat England and I stand by that statement despite the horrific display against the Ukraine" - **Former Sweden player Jonas Thern.**

"The (national) coach had warned me that you would ask me this question. If I say what I think....I hope there are none. But if there are queers here, that's their business" - **Italy striker Antonio Cassano sparks outrage after responding to claims there were two homosexual players in the Azzurri's Euro 2012 squad.**

"I sincerely regret that my statements have sparked controversy and protest from gay rights groups. Homophobia is a sentiment that is not mine. I did not want to offend anyone and I can not question the sexual freedom of other people" - **Cassano issues an apology on the Italian Football Federation's website just hours after his ill-advised comments.**

"Kids nowadays are interested in footballers. I am sure that will get them interested. I am sure all of us who were there will speak of what we have seen" - **England striker Wayne Rooney hopes to use his stardom for good after the Auschwitz concentration camp.**

"He has a few things to say, but I'm not interested. I don't like onions - I



don't use it in my food" - **West Indies batsman Marlon Samuels', above, response to questions about his third Test verbal exchanges with England bowler Graham Onions.**

"It was a facetious question but there was a little element of truth in what he was saying" - **England manager Roy Hodgson responds to a question on the side's waning international reputation from a French journalist.**

"If people call you a Ferrari without a steering wheel, at least you are a Ferrari. That means you are quality. They are not calling you a Toyota Prius" - **West Indies bowler Tino Best recalls some sage advice from former England paceman Devon Malcolm.**

"No, I haven't resigned, and I have no idea why it is being suggested that I have resigned. This is an outrage, an absolute liberty for people to be putting around this kind of rumour on the internet. It is not true, there is not a chance I will resign. Why should I? I have a year left on my contract" - **In no uncertain terms, Harry Redknapp rejects reports he has quit Tottenham Hotspur.**

"I won't slit my throat over it. I want to get on with my life instead of moping about getting the sack" - **Redknapp leaves White Hart Lane.**

"When people at the top don't like you, what can you do about it?" - **Redknapp again.**

MORE RACING - SEE BACK PAGE

RACING selections

OUR Jonathan looks to have the Bathwick Tyres Cathedral Stakes at Salisbury this Sunday at his mercy.

For once there is some decent action to look forward to on a Sabbath and, after getting back to winning ways last time out, Kevin Ryan's sprinter looks impossible to oppose.

A classy juvenile when he won the Cornwallis Stakes and a Group Two in France, it all went wrong for him at three.

However, Ryan showed his skills by nursing him back to his best and he enjoyed a fruitful campaign last summer, topped off with one of the biggest prizes in sprinting, the Ayr Gold Cup.

Found wanting in Listed company after that at Doncaster, he had probably gone past his best as it was his 10th run of the season.

He is definitely up to that class, though, as his rating of 114 shows.

Returning at Haydock last month, he saw off Regal Parade without much fuss and if he is on a going day, it is hard to see what can beat him here.

Port Charlotte is the choice in the WaterAid Mildren Construction Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

She was an eye-catching fourth on her racecourse bow at Goodwood last month, racing well off the pace and looking very green before the penny really started to drop.

Hughie Morrison's charge was eventually beaten seven lengths, with reopposing rival Ensejam in second that day, but there is plenty of confidence that she can turn the tables this time.

The step up to a mile should be in her favour and she looks to have plenty of progression in her.

Richard Hughes has chosen to ride Bold Prediction of the two Richard Hannon-trained runners in the Bridget Swire Memorial Maiden Stakes and the hint should be taken.

A half-brother to three winners, Bold Prediction is bred to excel as a juvenile being a son of Kodiak and has obviously been pleasing at home.

David Lanigan's Biographer really caught the eye on his debut over 10 furlongs at Windsor and should be backed to go one better in the Willie McKay Sports Management Maiden Stakes at Doncaster.

Owned by the trainer's landlord, Bjorn Nielsen, he stayed on strongly close home to be second to a horse with three runs behind him.

Biographer is still in the Irish Derby so better things can be expected of this 150,000 guineas purchase.

SUNDAY'S SELECTIONS

CORK: 2.10 Performance, 2.40 Possible, 3.15 Gossamer Seed, 3.50 Demurely, 4.20 Torina, 4.50 Potomac, 5.20 Firethorn, 5.50 Custom Cut.

DONCASTER: 2.00 Lady Bluesky, 2.30 Biographer, 3.00 Ginger Goose, 3.35 Paramour, 4.10 La Salida, 4.40 St Oswald, 5.15 Dropzone.

SALISBURY: 2.20 Maydream, 2.50 Ray Of Joy, 3.25 Port Charlotte, 4.00 OUR JONATHAN (NAP), 4.30 Bold Prediction, 5.05 Saratoga Slew, 5.35 Macy Anne.

DOUBLE: Our Jonathan and Biographer.



HANNON

Drew Smith Southampton League AGM report ... TRIO HONOURRED FOR

THE Annual General Meeting of the Drew Smith Southampton League saw three stalwarts of Netley Central Sports honoured for their efforts.

All three have been involved for over 40 years, *writes ROD SUTHERLAND.*

ALAN CROUCHER: Played for MMI in the 1962/63 season and Bitterne Nomads.

In 1966 he joined Netley CS, going on to play for the club for 35 years during which he won the Southampton Senior Cup in 1972 and 1973.

He also won the Reg Mathieson Trophy and the Hampshire League Division 2 title in 1973.

Alan was elected on the Management Committee in 1968 and has managed both the first and reserve team.

Having held the post of Vice Chairman, Alan steps up to the chairman's role for next season.

RAY MAXTED: Ray joined Netley CS in 1967 in the role of secretary, a title he retained until 1975.

Ray then developed youth teams that filtered into the Netley CS mens sides.

He was elected Treasurer and Management Secretary in 1988 – roles he continues to hold to this day.

Ray has even played for the Netley CS 4ths.

BOB CROMPTON: Bob has put in an astounding 54 seasons with Southampton FA.

He has been President since 1988, having been deputy chairman since 1979.

Affectionately termed "The Godfather" of local football, he has been recognised by the town of Eastleigh.

Bob has performed virtually every role possible for Netley CS, helping keep them going through some difficult moments.

There have also been some good times, including winning the Southampton Cup and taking part in FA Vase competitions.

Other awards presented included 'secretaries of the season', which went to:

Senior: Nicky Sperring, AFC Hiltlingbury.

Junior: Len Cull, Capital.

Veterans: Mark Hawkins, Hythe Aztecs.

Golden Boot winners:

Seniors: Wade Wilson, Lyndhurst, 30

Juniors: Gary Stoner, New Forest Res, 46

Veterans: Ben Goodridge, Sporting BTC A, 32

The Cup Giantkillers Cup went to FC Wellington for their excellent run in reaching the final of the Hants FA Junior B Cup.

Team of the season went to Premier champions Bush Hill, who claimed the Premier title for the fourth season in succession and

SUPER SECRETARIES:

From left – Mark Hawkins (Hythe Aztecs Vets), Nicola Sperring (AFC Hiltlingbury) and Len Cull (Capital).



HONOURRED: Bob Crompton, left, receives his long service award from Southampton League president Fred Wiltshire. Above right – Alan Croucher and Ray Maxted with their awards.

Drew Smith Group Southampton League Constitution 2012/13

Senior Premier: AFC Hiltlingbury, Bishopstoke Wmc, BTC Soton, Bush Hill, Cadnam United, Comrades, Netley CS, Nursing, Questmap, Southampton Universities, Thornhill, White Horse (Netley Marsh)

Senior 1: BTC Soton Res, Burrigade AFC, Comrades Res, Durlay Res, East Boldre, Hedge End Town, Hythe Aztecs, Michelmersh & T Res, Nursling Res, Park Sports, Soton Energy, White Star Womble

Junior 1: AFC Grains, Braishfield, Chandlers Fd Rgrs, Compton, Forest Town Res, Langley Manor, Q K Southampton A, Riverside, Solent Saints, Veracity Vipers

Junior 2: Chamberlayne Ath, Compton Res,

FC Wellington, Hamble United, Harefield, Inmar, London Airways, Otterbourne A, Questmap Res, West Totton

Junior 3: AFC Gordons, AFC Gulf Western, Bitterne FC, Bitterne Park Hotel, Bricklayers AFC, Capital, Infinity Res, Lyndhurst Res, Warsash Wasps, Wellow

Junior 4: Botley Village, Chandlers Ford, Cricketers (Eastleigh), Good Companions, Harefield Res, Horton Heath, New Forest, Priory Rovers A, Stanton FC

Junior 5: Applewood Joinery, Athletico Romsey, Botley Village Res, Hamble United Res, New Forest Res Rovers, SG Sports, Sporting Wessex, Upham Res

Junior 6: AFC Phoenix XI, AFC Station, AFC

Stoneham A, Bishops Waltham Dyn, Braishfield Res, Btc Soton A, Burrigade Village, Michelmersh & T A, Mitre, South Coast Sp.

Veterans A: B T C Soton, Colden Common, GE Aviation, Nursling, QK Southampton, Questmap, Redlynch & W Utd, Sporting BTC

Veterans B: Baddeley Pk, Compton, Ge Aviation Br, Hedge End Rgrs, Hythe Aztec, Northend Utd, R S Winch, Sporting Btc B

Veterans C: AFC Stoneham, Langley Tavern, Michelmersh & T, Priory Rovers, Redbridge OB, Royal Mail, Sholing Vets, Woolston

Veterans O-40: BTC Soton, Bishops Wthm Dyn, Langley Manor, Langley Tavern, Locks Heath, Hamble Club, O'Tauntonians, Wildern OB, Winchester OB.

who also reached the Southampton Senior FA Cup final, losing 2-1 to AFC Stoneham.

Eastleigh RA's Keith Arnold presented Roger Cooper of Upham

with the Sportsmanship award.

The most sporting opposition selected by teams in each division went to:

PREMIER: London Airways
SENIOR 1: BTC Southampton Reserves

JUNIOR 1: Otterbourne AJU-
NIOR 2: Wellow

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Drew Smith Southampton League AGM report ...

CENTRAL SERVICE



GIANTKILLERS AWARD: FC Wellington reached the Hampshire Junior B Cup final.



HONOURED: From left – Gary Stoner receives the Golden Boot award from League secretary Rod Sutherland; Keith Arnold presents Roger Cooper with the Sportsmanship award; Eugene McManus receives the Team of the Season award from Sutherland.

JUNIOR 3: Cricketers Eastleigh
JUNIOR 4: Chandlers Ford
JUNIOR 5: Hamble United Reserves
JUNIOR 6: Michelmersh & Timsbury A
VETERANS A:
VETERANS B: Langley Tavern A
VETERANS C: Sporting BTC B

Rule changes covering issues such as the new Veterans Over 40 section and the Casual Ladies division were passed without issue.

The constitution of the League was accepted without question, including the election of a number of new clubs.

Two slots (one in Junior 4 and one in Junior 5) are still available.

Forest Town and Lyndhurst have both been accepted by the Hampshire 2004 League.

Hedge End Rangers Reserves have moved to the Hampshire Premier Combination section.

Disappointingly, Fair Oak have folded after initially indicating a wish to join the Drew Smith Southampton League following their withdrawal from the Hampshire 2004 League.

Hopefully they can be resurrected in the future.

One team's loss is another's gain and White Horse will move up to the Premier instead, joining Netley, Cadnam and Thornhill in stepping up.

Questmap have a new first team, incorporating a number of Bush Hill players including the Chapman brothers and Paul Boucher.

Cutbush Athletic have become Nursling Reserves, so have to drop to Senior 1, enabling a reprieve for

BTC.

Up from Junior 1 come Wombles as White Star Wombles, Soton Energy, East Boldre (a merger of South City and East Boldre) and Park Sports.

Q K Soton A, Langley Manor and Solent Saints from Junior 2 and Forest Town, and Chandlers Ford Rangers and Riverside from Junior 3 jump to the top flight.

Into Junior 2 go Hants heroes FC Wellington, Compton Res, Harefield and West Totton.

Junior 3 has new teams in Bitterne FC, a young side who have ex-Wessex Reserve team experience, plus Lyndhurst Reserves and AFC Gulf Western, who won the Junior League Cup last season.

Bitterne Park Hotel leap two divisions from Junior 5 to 3.

Into Junior 4 go a new Harefield Reserve team, Stanton, the Junior

5 runners up, and Horton Heath, also from Junior 5.

Junior 5 has a new team, Applewood Joinery, run by former Spartan Pete Munday.

Promoted from 6 to 5 are New Forest Reserves, SG Sports and Sporting Wessex.

Junior 6 welcomes new blood in South Coast Sports, Mitre FC, Bishops Waltham Dynamos from youth football, AFC Stoneham A and AFC Phoenix XI, a spin off from the old AFC Aldermoor side.

The Vets will continue with three mainstream divisions but slightly smaller than last season due to the formation of an over 40s division.

The only new team in the Over 35s Veterans is Woolston, who are likely to include a number of the Obelisk Sunday side.

The Over 40s welcome an old friend in Hamble Club.

Toughest start of them all

GREAT Britain's men's handball side will begin their Olympic Games campaign in the toughest possible manner by facing reigning gold medallists France at the Copper Box on July 29.

GB coach Dragan Djukic had the luxury of picking which group his side went into as host nation.

He opted for Pool A, which contained champions France and silver medallists Iceland, in the hope of faring well against the non-European sides of Argentina and Tunisia.

They face Sweden in their second outing on July 31, followed by the crunch games with their South American and African opponents on August 2 and 4 respectively.

Their preliminary stage campaign comes to an end with a clash against Iceland on August 6.

The women play their first game on the opening day of the competition on July 28 in Pool A, when they are paired up with Montenegro, who they recently lost to in a Euro 2012 qualifying game.

Russia (July 30) and Brazil (August 1) are their next opponents before their must-win clash



DAN McMILLAN

with Angola on August 3 while their preliminary stage closes with a tussle with Croatia on August 5.

Both sides have set pre-tournament targets of advancing past the group stages and into the last eight, but Djukic admits to do so is a "dream".

"Our wish is to compete and make one of the biggest ever surprises in handball," Djukic said.

"I hope the boys believe we can play against them. We have to play against France who are Olympic and world champions and that is going to be hard.

"But if we get through that experience we have a chance. For me, the quarter-finals is a dream."

One man hoping to be part of the dream is New Forest-based Dan McMillan, who lives in Sway.

He has been part of the GB squad for the last year, but Djukic has yet to choose those who will go to the Olympics.



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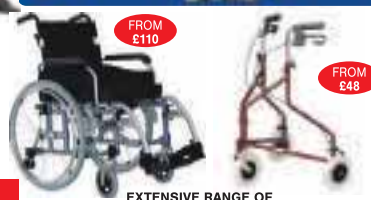
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No let-up for Saints' girls

SOUTHAMPTON Saints girls and ladies FC have returned to England with a bump.

After a successful but exhausting trip to Holland, the club's U15s and U14s entered tough six-a-side tournaments.

First up was the Reading tournament at the Madejski Stadium where Saints' U14 side did well to finish fourth behind Reading's two Elite Development sides and a very talented Ascot United team that won the Surrey Girls U15 FA Cup this year.

Saints U15s had played Reading and Ascot at the Group stage and lost 1-0 each time.

Then came the Watford Ladies tournament, again with stiff opposition.

Saints U15s went out unluckily on penalties at the quarter-final stage and the U14s lost 1-0 to Newmarket Girls in the semi-final after bossing the game.

● Saints' U12s won the Hampshire Sevens tournament.

Having clinched the Winchester & District League and Cup double this year, manager Barry Fry wanted to test his charges against unknown opposition.

They underlined the class they had shown all season by winning the tournament comfortably.

● Saints are holding a second week of trials for outfield players as well as goalkeepers.

Trials will take place at BTC Sports Ground, Stoneham Lane, Southampton on Thursday, June 21. Registration is at 6.30pm prompt.

For more information on the trials, contact secretary Rachel Murray on 07711317654 or email rachelmurray146@btinternet.com



BUSY TIME: Saints Under-12 Girls, top, and the squads at Watford, left and Reading, right.

Tim's time for Ascot glory again?

■ RACING

TIM Pitt is hoping Dark Ranger can bring back the Royal Ascot glory days when he turns out at the feature meeting next week.

Pitt saddled Les Arcs to a surprise 33-1 victory in the Golden Jubilee Stakes back in 2006, but the Newmarket-based trainer has only had a handful of runners at the showpiece fixture since.

However, he believes Dark Ranger has an excellent chance of enhancing the yard's record in Tuesday's Ascot Stakes over two and a half miles.

The six-year-old has not won May 2011 but has finished second on each of his last four starts, most recently when just edged out at York's Dante meeting.

That was over two furlongs less than he faces at Ascot, but Pitt has no concerns about Dark Ranger's stamina.

He said: "Since we stepped him up to two miles we have never looked back. He was running consistently on the all-weather and when he crept to a mark of 79, we decided to give him one run to see if we could get him into the mid 80s that would get him into the bottom of the handicap for the Ascot Stakes.

"He ran his heart out at York last time, pulled well clear of the field and just got beat by a better handicapped horse.

"He went up 8lb to 87 at York, which on the one hand is harsh for finishing second, but on the other it ensures that he will get into the race at Ascot.

"Tom Queally is going to ride and I think he goes there with a very realistic each-way chance.

"He has a first and two seconds on his three starts at two and a quarter miles and he will relish the step up to two and a half miles.

"He's one in the field that is guaranteed to get the trip.

"He hasn't won in 12 months and his last victory came off 62 and he's now on 87. He's finished second on six of his last seven starts but there have been reasons each time, he is not ungenious and has improved as he has got older.

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2.20 BATHWICK TYRES HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £8,000 added 4YO PLUS 1m 4f Penalty Value £5,175.

1	5044-4	GOSBECK (53) H Candy 4 9 7	.....	D O'Neill 4
2	306-10	QUIZ MISTRESS (15) (D) H Morrison 4 9 6	.....	R Hughes 2
3	1510-0	GUNSLINGER (FR) (23) (D) M Scudamore 7 9 5 D Kenny (5) 3	.....	A Quinn 10
4	620-04	TASFEYA (20) L Carter 4 8 13	.....	A Quinn 10
5	1410-0	ALSHAZAH (23) (D) B Millman 4 8 12	.....	J Millman 9
6	400-02	DUBAI GLORY (17) (CD) Miss S West 4 8 12	.....	C Catlin 8
7	00-432	KATHLEEN FRANCES (8) (D)(BF) M Tompkins 5 8 12 J Fortune 7	.....
8	113-11	MAYDREAM (22) J Fox 5 8 8	.....	R Da Silva (5) 5
9	232520	SHABAK HOM (26) (D) P Evans 5 8 6	.....	Cathy Gannon 1
10	1-0326	HAMILTON HILL (22) (BF) D Burchell 5 8 2	.....	D E Egan (5) 6

BETTING: 7-2 Maydream, 4-1 Dubai Glory, 9-2 Kathleen Frances, 13-2 Gosbeck, 7-1 Tasfeya, 8-1 Quiz Mistress, 12-1 Alshazah, 16-1 Hamilton Hill, Shabak Hom, 25-1 Gunslinger.

2.50 WESTOVER GROUP HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £8,000 added 3YO PLUS 5f Penalty Value £5,175.

1	0-3001	SOLENN (10) (D10) J Bradley 7 10 5	.....	D O'Neill 7
2	0-2662	MADEIRA (9) (BF) E De Giles 5 10 2	.....	L Kenney 5
3	206200	WEST COAST DREAM (11) R Brotherton 5 9 12	.....	J Mongan 6
4	0-4010	TITUS GENT (15) (D) J Gask 7 9 10	.....	R Da Silva (5) 2
5	425-14	RAY OF JOY (41) J R Jenkins 6 9 10	.....	F Tylicki 1
6	100-30	NOVERRE TO GO (IRE) (15) (BF) R Harris 6 9 10 D Egan (5) 8	.....
7	451044	WELSH INLET (IRE) (8) (D) J Bridger 4 8 11	.....	S Levey (3) 4
8	100-05	AQUASULIS (IRE) (13) (D) P Evans 3 8 4	.....	Cathy Gannon 3

BETTING: 2-1 Solenn, 10-1 Naabegha, 5-1 Welsh Inlet, 6-1 Ray Of Joy, 8-1 Noverre To Go, 14-1 West Coast Dream, 16-1 Titus Gent, Aquasulis.

3.25 WATERAID MILDREN CONSTRUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,500 added 3YO only 1m Penalty Value £2,911.

1	ALBANKA (USA) Sir M Stoute 9 0	J Fortune 4
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2	452	ALEZANNA D Kubler 9 0	J Doyle 7
3	400	CHIGUN (14) Sir H Cecil 9 0	J Mongan 6
4	00	ECECHIEIRA (20) D Ivory 9 0	L Kenney 9
5	22	ENSEJAAM (CAN) (22) (BF) C Hills 9 0	.....	P Hansgan 2
6	4	PORT CHARLOTTE (22) H Morrison 9 0	.....	R Hughes 1
7	30	SECRETS AWAY (IRE) (36) M Botti 9 0	.....	A Kirby 5
8	0-	SPANISH TRAIL C Kellert 9 0	.....	P Hills (3) 14
9	0-	SWEET LIBERTA (IRE) (295) A Balding 9 0	.....	D Probert 3
10	0-	TREASURED DREAM Mrs A Perrett 9 0	.....	E Ahern 12
11	6-5	VALLEY QUEEN (14) M Usher 9 0	.....	D O'Neill 8
12	00	WASABI (IRE) (29) J Berry 9 0	.....	Cathy Gannon 13
13	6	WAVEGUIDE (IRE) (27) D M Simcock 9 0	.....	M Lane 11
14	00-	ZAROSA (IRE) (211) J Berry 9 0	.....	J Quinn 10

BETTING: 9-4 Chigun, 5-2 Ensejaam, 6-1 Albanka, 8-1 Secrets Away, 10-1 Port Charlotte, 12-1 Waveguide, Alezanna, 20-1 Valley Queen, 25-1 others.

4.00 BATHWICK TYRES CATHEDRAL STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1). £33,000 added 3YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £18,714.

1	141-04	ETON RIFLES (IRE) (14) (D) S C Williams 7 9 8	.....	W Carson 4
2	200032	BATHWICK BEAR (IRE) (20) (D) P Evans 4 9 4	.....	Cathy Gannon 2
3	2230-2	DEFINIGHTLY (43) (D) R Charlton 6 9 4	.....	J Doyle 7
4	030-50	LIBRANNO (32) (D) R Hannan 4 9 4	.....	R Hughes 5
5	0150-3	MORACHE MUSIC (36) (CD) P Makin 4 9 4	.....	S Sanders 9
6	6210-1	OUR JONATHAN (36) (D) K Ryan 5 9 4	.....	F Norton 1
7	210321	CHILLI GREEN (23) (D) L Carter 5 8 13	.....	D E Egan 8
8	6150-4	GOLDEN DELICIOUS (18) (C)(D) H Morrison 4 8 13 J Fortune 10	.....
9	545566	SOS BRILLANTE (CHI) (17) (D) T Clement 7 8 13	.....	F Tylicki 3
10	311-52	ARTISTIC JEWEL (IRE) (15) (CD) E McMahon 3 8 10 S Levey 6	.....

BETTING: 9-4 Our Jonathan, 7-2 Definightly, 4-1 Eton Rifles, 7-1 Libranno, 8-1 Morache Music, Artistic Jewel, 20-1 Chilli Green, 25-1 Golden Delicious, Bathwick Bear, 66-1 Sos Brillante.

4.30 BRIDGET WIRE MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 3). £12,000 added 2YO only 6f Penalty Value £7,763.

1	BOLD PREDICTION (IRE) R Hannan 9 3	.....	R Hughes 4
2	CLEMENT (IRE) Eve J-Houghton 9 3	.....	S Sanders 5
3	GOLD ROLL (IRE) (10) D Elsworth 9 3	M Halford 6
4	GREAT RUN R Hannan 9 3	D O'Neill 2

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5		MARTIAL ART (IRE) A Balding 9 3	D Probert 3
6	0	STAR BREAKER (30) S Kirk 9 3	J Doyle 1

BETTING: 6-4 Bold Prediction, 7-2 Great Run, 5-1 Martial Art, 6-1 Gold Roll, 13-2 Clement, 14-1 Star Breaker.

BETTING: 6-4 Bold Prediction, 7-2 Great Run, 5-1 Martial Art, 6-1 Gold Roll, 13-2 Clement, 14-1 Star Breaker.

5.05 BATHWICK TYRES FILLIES' HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £4,500 added 3YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £2,911.

1	111-2	RIVAS RHAPSODY (IRE) (22) (D) I Wood 4 10 0	.....	J Doyle 1
2	00-235	BATGIRL (23) (D) J Berry 5 9 12	.....	R Hughes 6
3	00-005	AMETHYST DAWN (IRE) (108) (D) A Reid 6 9 10	.....	E Ahern 9
4	032221	CARAMELITA (6) J R Jenkins 5 9 7 (6ex)	.....	F Tylicki 8
5	000-23	SARATOGA SLEW (22) M Botti 3 9 4	.....	A Kirby 5
6	0500-1	IVOR'S PRINCESS (31) (C) B Millman 3 9 3	.....	S Levey (3) 3
7	060-01	MY OWN WAY HOME (24) (C) P Evans 4 9 3	.....	P Beggy 7
8	020-03	VIZEAN (IRE) (22) J Mackie 4 9 3	.....	W Twiston-Davies (7) 4
9	402	SWIFT ACT (13) R Harris 3 9 1	.....	D E Egan (5) 10
10	6222-0	LEELU (25) (D) D Arbuthnot 6 8 11	.....	Cathy Gannon 2

BETTING: 3-1 Caramelita, 7-2 Rivas Rhapsody, 13-2 Saratoga Slew, 8-1 My Own Way Home, Ivor's Princess, Batgirl, 10-1 Swift Act, Vizean, 16-1 others.

5.35 BATHWICK TYRES RACING EXCELLENCE 'HANDS AND HEELS' APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £3,200 added 3YO only 1m Penalty Value £2,070.

1	50-122	OUR PHYLLI VERA (IRE) (12) (D) H Dunlop 9 7 W Twiston-Davies 1	.....
2	00-301	TEMUCO (IRE) (5) (C) P Evans 9 6 (6ex)	.....	Alice Haynes 8
3	6-51	AUTUMN FIRE (25) (D) A Balding 9 5	.....	Thomas Brown (3) 9
4	43400-	KING'S CIEL (185) G Baker 8 4	.....	T Garner 11
5	05-136	LADY SYLVIA (17) J Tuite 9 3	.....	Jacob Moore (3) 6
6	2-230	MACY ANNE (IRE) (65) R Mills 9 2	.....	D Cremin (8) 10
7	0-5351	COMPTON TARGET (IRE) (12) J Bradley 9 0	.....	T Clark 2
8	600-00	BAJAN HERO (5) P Evans 8 13	.....	DOUBTFUL 7
9	430-65	LADY PERCY (IRE) (13) M Usher 8 11	.....	D Muscutt 12
10	0-6036	JOY TO THE WORLD (IRE) (25) P Cole 8 8	.....	R White 3
11	000-6	ISOLA BELLA (32) J Portman 8 2	.....	Nicole Nordblad 5
12	50-050	GADREEL (IRE) (25) A Middleton 8 2	.....	N Garbutt 4

BETTING: 3-1 Autumn Fire, 7-2 Temuco, 4-1 Our Phylli Vera, 7-1 Compton Target, 10-1 Lady Percy, 12-1 Isola Bella, 14-1 Lady Sylvia, 16-1 Joy To The World, 20-1 others.

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